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**The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors and prayer**

<b>Sun 5 Oct</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> (Book of Common Prayer)
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>with breakfast from 9.15am</i>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <i>Live on our YouTube channel <a href="https://tinyurl.com/48sdmm9s">https://tinyurl.com/48sdmm9s</a></i> <i>Please note that as this service is livestreamed you may be seen on screen.</i> <i>If you do not wish to be filmed, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
<b>Mon 6 Oct</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	<b>1.30pm Ilsham Academy Harvest Service</b>
<b>Tues 7 Oct</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	<b>9-11.30am Open House Toddlers</b>
	<b>9.30-12pm Safeguarding Course</b> <i>in the Lounge</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits</b>
<b>Wed 8 Oct</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12-2pm Welcome Space</b> – <i>Join us for soup, coffee, chat!</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers</b>
<b>THURS, FRI, SAT – Hall out of action for re-decoration</b>	
<b>Fri 10 Oct</b>	<b>9.30-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b>
	<b>1.30pm Thanksgiving Service</b> Tom Fish
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club</b> <i>at the harbourside - chip shop challenge!</i>
<b>Sun 12 Oct</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> (Book of Common Prayer)
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	<b>5.30pm We gather to pray for the church</b> – all welcome

**Collect** Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to



Our children's and youth work teams

# Readings

## 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

Then King David said to the whole assembly: 'My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God. <sup>2</sup> With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God – gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colours, and all kinds of fine stone and marble – all of these in large quantities. <sup>3</sup> Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: <sup>4</sup> three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, <sup>5</sup> for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord today?' <sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. <sup>7</sup> They gave towards the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the Lord in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

## Mark 12:28-34, 38-44

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?' <sup>29</sup> 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." <sup>31</sup> The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.' <sup>32</sup> 'Well said, teacher,' the man replied. 'You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. <sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.' <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. <sup>38</sup> As he taught, Jesus said, 'Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the market-places, <sup>39</sup> and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.'

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence. <sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.'

## *Dates for the diary*

**BASIC AND FOUNDATION SAFEGUARDING COURSE** Tuesday 7 October 9:30 -12:00 in the Lounge. If you are involved in any activity in church especially those involving children or would just like to know more, please join Sue Davies for this safeguarding course. If you have any questions please email me [sjddavies54@gmail.com](mailto:sjddavies54@gmail.com)

**Hall refurbishment** The Hall will be out of action from 9-11 October while it is being re-decorated.

**Sunday Lunch 12<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm.** We are going to the Central Conservative Club, Union Street, for a change! It is a roast only Sunday Lunch, starting at £12 for one course. There is a booking for 12 people only, so please contact me to book a place on 07709 727714. Thanks. Gill Buick.



**18 October 2:30pm** St Matts Gospel Singers concert - celebrating their 10th anniversary. Teas/coffees/cakes during a break. Guest choir GGCC from Bristol. Continuing fundraising for the Give to Go Green project. Could anyone help with teas and coffees in the break please? Please see Anya.

**Save the date!** The Friends' Christmas Market takes place in the Church on Saturday 15th November between 10am and 1pm. Forget Black Friday, come and enjoy Scintillating Saturday with St Matthias fellowship and help to support local enterprises. See you there!



### **Fair Trade Fortnight 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 5<sup>th</sup> Oct plus events in November**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - breakfast at 9.30 and a blind tasting after the 11am service.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm - Tear Fund Quiz

**Confirmation – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** We are delighted that Bishop Mike has agreed to visit us for a confirmation service. If you have not been confirmed and would like to explore what it means, then please get in touch with Paul, Dallas or Claire. If you have no idea what 'confirmation' is, then this might help – [Confirmation FAQs](#) – or the QR code along side. We will be offering some sessions to explore in detail in November.



## *News*

**Mike Blunsum** His thanksgiving service will be taking place here at St Matthias Church on 16th October at 12.30pm followed by some refreshments in the Hall. Please do keep praying for his family at this time.

**Tom Fish** We are now able to confirm that his service of thanksgiving will be here on Friday 10th October at 1.30pm. Again our thoughts and prayers remain with Tom's family at this time.

**School News** Our Open the Book assemblies continue each week and this week Sue Davies will be leading the assemblies on David and Goliath. Ilsham School have their Harvest service on Monday, when we invite the school and parents into the church for this special service. Helen and Claire will be taking part in that service so do be praying for them and the schools.



**Street Pastors News** We have recently attended the opening day of The Freshers Week at South Devon College. We spoke to many interested students about the importance of keeping safe when they are out at weekends and gave them information about the Street Pastor Safe Place Van which is always parked on Torbay harbourside. It was a great opportunity to share what we do.  
*Malcolm and the team*

### *Prayers for this week*

**Mon** Pray for the king and all the Royal Family, praising God for all they do.  
**Tues** Pray for the selection of the next Archbishop of Canterbury.  
**Wed** Pray for our next Rector. May she/he be truly called by God.  
**Thurs** Give thanks for Nicci Maxwell's visit and continue to pray for her work in South Sudan.  
**Fri** We pray for the persecuted Church, for stamina, courage and hope.  
**Sat** Lord Jesus we pray for the men's breakfast as they meet this morning.  
**Sun** For those who lead us in Worship and the Word and for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

**For Morning Prayer online**, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link: [tinyurl.com/2t56wex5](https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5) You are welcome to join us!

The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: [tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f](https://tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f)



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