



Welcome! Join us in church or online www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams	
The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors or for personal prayer	
Sun 5 May	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast!</i> 10.30am Gather to Pray 11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/Dhpunzyp9cl?feature=share
Mon 6 May	Closed for BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 7 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i> 9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i> 12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – <i>knit and natter</i>
Wed 8 May	9am Holy Communion 10am – 12 noon Ukraine support group <i>in the church</i> 12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>join us for soup, coffee and a chat</i> 7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 9 May	ASCENSION DAY 9am Holy Communion
Fri 10 May	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i> 6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sun 12 May PENTECOST SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 10.30am Gather to Pray 11am United Family Service <i>followed by APCM with coffee/tea</i> 12pm APCM <i>in the Hall</i>

Collect Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Thanks go to:
 The PCC
 (Parochial Church Council) 😊

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Readings

Isaiah 55:1-11

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Be silent.
Be still.
Wait before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be still.
Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you with an
enormous love.
God only wants to look upon
you with love
Quiet
Still.
Be.
Let your God love you.

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John 15:8-17

⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Dates for the diary

APCM on 12th May at 12 noon - straight after the 11am service.

At this meeting we vote in a new 'PCC' the Parochial Church Council – who make the key decisions about church life. If you feel called to serve on this council, do chat to



one of the clergy or wardens since there are vacancies! (And nomination forms are available on the Welcome Desk.)

To view the annual reports before the meeting click below: A small number of hard copies will be available this Sunday and on the day.

[Annual Report & Financial Statements 2023](#)
[Annual Report of Activities for APCM 12.5.24](#)

Organ Extravaganza The Friends of St Matthias are delighted that David Davies will be returning here on **Saturday 18th May** (at 7.30 pm). Tickets available after the 11am service or contact **Rob Newman**, Chairman 07305 681522 rob.thenewmans@gmail.com

Sunday 19 May @ 6pm 'RENOVATION' celebration service at Exeter Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. "An inspiring evening of prayer and worship: with Andy Flannagan and Ruth Valerio." Free tickets from Event Brite <https://tinyurl.com/yuz69cuk>

Understanding Younger Generations Mondays 3rd and 10th June 7.30pm in the Centre Lounge with Hannah Aske. All church family welcome.

Church Family Away Day to Dawlish Warren 29 June - a day to chat, play and eat together for all the generations in our church family including an act of worship and BBQ – we've booked indoor hall space but there's plenty to do outside too of course. Easy access from train station, car park and we hope to share lifts. More details to come!



News

Electoral Roll If you have been worshipping here for longer than 6 months you can join the Electoral Roll, which enables you to vote at the APCM and to help to make decisions for our church. Please see Paulina or fill in a form available from the welcomers. (The deadline for the upcoming APCM is today Sunday 5 May.)

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May Christian Aid works with local partners and communities providing disaster relief and resourcing disadvantaged people to improve their lives. This year, the focus is on Burundi. Please donate via their website (which can be gift aided) or phone 020 7523 2269. By post, send to Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week



Use it –then lose it!

Look out for this new resource, still available this Sunday.

Use it first! and then 'lose it'

by giving the booklet to someone else to try praying! <https://www.trypraying.org/>

The logo for trypraying, with the word "try" in a dark teal color and "praying" in a lighter teal color, set against a solid teal rectangular background.

trypraying.

Help please!

Pressure washing Does anyone have a pressure washer and would you feel able to clean our playground? It is approx. 16 x 32 ft. Please see Pere for more info. Thanks

Mummy & Me is a weekly (term time) get together for new parents and their babies and they would love to welcome some more helpers from the church – to serve coffee and help with registration/welcome – 9.30-11.30. Please let Pere know if you would like to get involved (weekly, fortnightly or to suit you.) Thank you.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Give praise and thanks for the ministry of John and all our church leaders and volunteers. Pray that their work will bear fruit both in the church family and outside.

Tues Pray for healing the minds of children who have been damaged by social media hate messages and other bad influences.

Wed Wars and natural disasters have caused devastation of peoples' lives. Pray that food and medical supplies will reach those in desperate need without delay.

Thurs Talking about Jesus – pray for chances to share stories (yours or others) about being a follower of Jesus and to pass on the Try Praying book.

Fri Pray for unity in churches and the will of leaders to seek common ground when talking about issues that create divisions.

Sat Remember those who are lonely and pray that they will find the confidence to try a new social group.

Sun Pray for anyone awaiting diagnosis or surgery for a health condition that they will know Your presence abiding in them.