



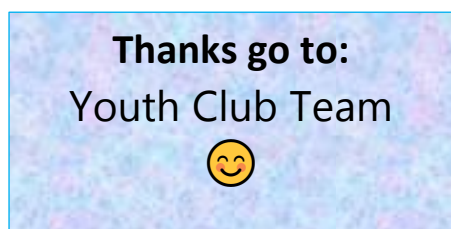
## Welcome!

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

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<b>Today</b> <b>Lessons from Luke</b> <b>Transforming Lives</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b> <i>all welcome</i>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/wCN8a66tz8I">https://youtu.be/wCN8a66tz8I</a>



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<b>Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm</b>	
<b>Mon 7 Nov</b>	<b>2.30pm Girls Allowed</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Tues 8 Nov</b>	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
	<b>7.45pm Alpha</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Wed 9 Nov</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b> <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	<b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>9.45am Alpha</b> <i>in the Ark</i>
<b>Fri 11 Nov</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club</b>
<b>Sat 12 Nov</b>	<b>10am-1pm Friends Christmas Market</b>
<b>Sun 13 Nov</b> <b>Remembrance</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>10-10.40am Special Prayer Meeting</b> <b>'A World in Crisis'</b> – all welcome
	<b>10.50am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>
	<b>5.30pm Encounter</b> <i>informal worship</i>

## Readings for Today

### Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.' <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'

### Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling-place,  
LORD Almighty!

<sup>2</sup> My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young –  
a place near your altar,  
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.

<sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favour and honour;  
no good thing does he withhold  
from those whose way of life is blameless.

<sup>12</sup> LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

#### Collect

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of  
Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

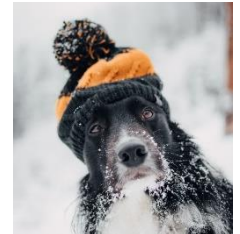
## Warm space



### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 'Warm Space' begins

St Matthias will be opening as a Warm Space weekly on Wednesdays from 12noon - 5pm. Drop in for hot soup, a roll and hot drink, a chat and to keep warm. Hopefully church members will drop in and socialise along with others from the area around us. Everyone welcome! See the notice board at the back of church for details.

**Winter Fuel Allowance** Would anyone like to donate some or all of their fuel allowance to help those who are in need this winter? If you are in the PGS scheme, you can call them to change it for one payment by phoning: 03330 021260, or, if paying by BACS, the Church's account details are: Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No. 00017933 Please mark up payments with 'Winter Fuel'. Thank you.



## Dates for your diary!

**12 November Christmas Market** Thank you to all who responded to our calls for assistance. One more request! We are still looking for books, DVDs, games or jigsaw puzzles (in good condition please) and home made jams or chutneys. Call Rob 07305 681522 for more info. See you on Saturday! And another date for your diary. The Friends' Christmas Dinner on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. By popular request we are returning to the Headland Hotel.

**Sunday 13 Nov 10 - 10.40am. Special prayer meeting** here at St Matthias "A World in Crisis" - pray for Iran, Ukraine and Britain (and much more!) All welcome



**Big Quiz Night – Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm** – raising money for Tearfund. Please register your team (4-6 people) by emailing [ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org). We will be serving refreshments half-way through the evening but you are welcome to bring your own beer/wine if you would like to. Donations can be made through our Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eco-action-group-st-matthias-torquay> (Teams can be joined on the day so just email if you would like to come.)

## Other News

### Survey

Please help us discern the next steps God wants for us as a church

community by completing a specially designed online survey. It's anonymous and only takes about 10-15 minutes! The PCC will be reviewing the results at a special meeting in early December so the surveys need to be completed by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Just click on the link here <https://form.typeform.com/to/rAn5RyYS> (A couple of things you need to know when completing the survey - we are in the Totnes Archdeaconry and our Mission Community is St Matthias Torquay.) If you felt very



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inspired to help, there are some different and very interesting questions in a second, shorter survey you could also complete for us please (only 4 minutes!)

<https://hop8a5h9big.typeform.com/to/lw54PtGg>

(This is a version of the survey which has also gone to Church and Centre users in the local community). Thank you very much.

**Funeral** A memorial service for Simon Robbins-van Rijn will be held at St Matthias on Friday 18 November at 2pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paulina and the family at this time.

**Shoebox Appeal** St Matthias is once again supporting the Christian Response to Eastern Europe Shoe Box appeal for Maldives which this year will also help displaced Ukrainians. We will be collecting during the Friends' Christmas Market on Saturday 12th November or you can leave your box at Church anytime! Please see leaflets for more information.



## Prayers

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** Let us all commit ourselves afresh to be good disciples and servants of Jesus our Saviour and Lord. May our witness bring folk to faith in Jesus.

**Mon** Pray for those who have recently been bereaved, all who are near death, are ill or in pain, those who are worried. May God meet them all.

**Tue** Please remember the "Warm Space" endeavour beginning in the Bay, offering places for people finding it financially hard to keep warm at home.

**Wed** Pray regarding the interruption in grain ships from Ukraine to areas of the world in desperate need and in starvation, that the food may get through.

**Thu** Pray for those in our world suffering bereavement as a result of people's recklessness.

**Fri** Pray for all children and young people's activities that take place this week. May they have great fun together but also be helped in their walk of faith.

**Sat** Pray for the Shoebox Appeal and that more than ever before will take part.

**Sun** Pray for the church in Africa which has more Christians than any other continent, average age 19 - they are often urban, tech savvy, charismatic, English or French speaking, and often actively considering emigration to Western countries. Please pray for all these many elements facing church leaders, national and in communities.

## CHRISTMAS!

**Welcomers and Stewards** Would you like to welcome the congregation and visitors to our church over Christmas? We are looking for people to help at our services on Christmas Eve. Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of church.

