



6 June 2021

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Welcome as we look at *St. Paul's letter to the Galatians*

Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

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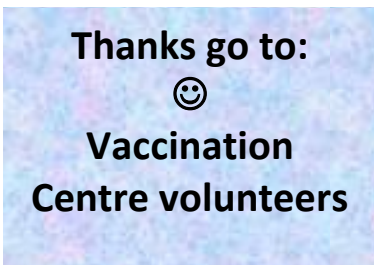
or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

<p>Sun 6 June</p> <p><i>N.B New teaching from Galatians – see note below</i></p>	<p>9.30am Breakfastzone <i>in the church building (BYO drinks please!) and livestreamed</i> https://youtu.be/5kj1APgkc7w Saul - Craft and story sheet family-tree-doc.pdf</p>
	<p>10.30am Coffee on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3882065555?pwd=VU12d0ZpNjJidHdSRE1qeGZBZzhUUT09 Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8</p>
	<p>11am Holy Communion <i>in church and livestreamed</i> https://youtu.be/GjaDexa6yes</p>

Readings: Galatians 1:11 – 2:10 & John 20: 24-31

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+1%3A11+%E2%80%93+2%3A10+%E2%80%93+John+20%3A24-31&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A+24-31++&version=NIVUK>



Collect
 God of truth,
 help us to keep your law of love
 and to walk in ways of wisdom,
 that we may find true life
 in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Next Week	
Tues 8 June	9.30-11.15 on Stoodley Green – phone 390222 to book
Wed 9 June	9am Holy Communion <i>in church</i>
	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Thurs 10 June	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer

Fri 11 June	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Sun 13 June	8am Holy Communion <i>online (recorded on 9 June)</i>
	9.30am Ozone <i>in the church building and online</i>
	10.30am Coffee on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3882065555?pwd=VU12d0ZpNjJidHdSRE1qeGZBZzhUUT09 Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	11am Morning Worship <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78928452257?pwd=TDNTV2xLOUpmL0dmTFJQWFp2UGdSUT09 Meeting ID: 789 2845 2257 Passcode: d81mxz

Church family news

Congratulations to Josh Bouskill and Molly who recently announced their engagement!

Funerals

The funeral of Peter Fox will be at the Crematorium on Monday 7 June at 11.15. Since there is limited space, please let Pere in the office know if you would like to attend. The funeral will also be livestreamed – <https://www.obitus.com> and the credentials are:

Username: yohu1786 Password: 030773

The funeral of Robert Barbour will be held at St Matthias on Friday 11 June at 3.30pm. Please phone the office to let us know you are coming to help us with numbers. Thank you.

The next PCC meeting is on Monday 14th June. There's an outline agenda at the end of this notice sheet – so please let David Wilkinson know if you wanted to comment on any agenda item. Thank you. dwilkinson.tq@btinternet.com

Praying around the WHOLE South West of England Saturday 19th June 10.30am – 11am – sign up to join this fantastic way of praying with churches from across the south west by agreeing to pray at points every mile along the South West Coastpath that coincide with our parish boundary. Register here <https://www.southwestawake.com/> and they will send you ideas on how to pray too – but please can you let Pere in the office know you've done this so we can let others not online come and join you in these places? Of the 5 points in our parish, Upton Vale church will be at the harbourside, but there are four other spots: Walls Hill; along Bishop's walk overlooking Hope Cove; at Thatcher's Point and by Meadfoot Beach Café.

Riding for Rowcroft! Joshua Perry is raising money for Rowcroft Hospice. If you feel you could support him please go to his giving page at: <https://rowcrofthospice.enthuse.com/pf/josh-perry>
Thank you from Joshua.

Ways to Serve and Wanted



Cleaner Required Can anyone recommend a cleaner or would anyone like to do some cleaning please? We

are looking for an occasional cleaner to clean approx. once a fortnight in the Pine Room on a Friday evening (5.30-7.30pm) – floor mopping vacuuming etc. It is a paid position. If anyone is interested or can recommend a cleaner please contact Pere in the Office. Thank you.

Wanted - if anyone has a shed in reasonable condition that they wish to dispose of, please could you speak to Paul Stannard.

Torquay Community Larder would welcome donations of the following: Tinned Peas, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Squash, Jam, Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Toilet Rolls. They have enough pasta and sanitary items and toiletries. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection.

Torbay Street Pastors Are re-launching soon – watch this space for more details!

TOWNS Friday Meals Service...in need of some help please in order to help the current volunteers to have a break If anyone could help with this please (located at Upton Vale Church) contact Tony Watkins ajpwatkins1@gmail.com They need a mixture of cooks, veg preparers, packers, drivers, distributors and stewards. See below for more information. [towns-friday-meals-service.pdf \(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://www.cloudfront.net/d3hgrlq6yacptf/towns-friday-meals-service.pdf)

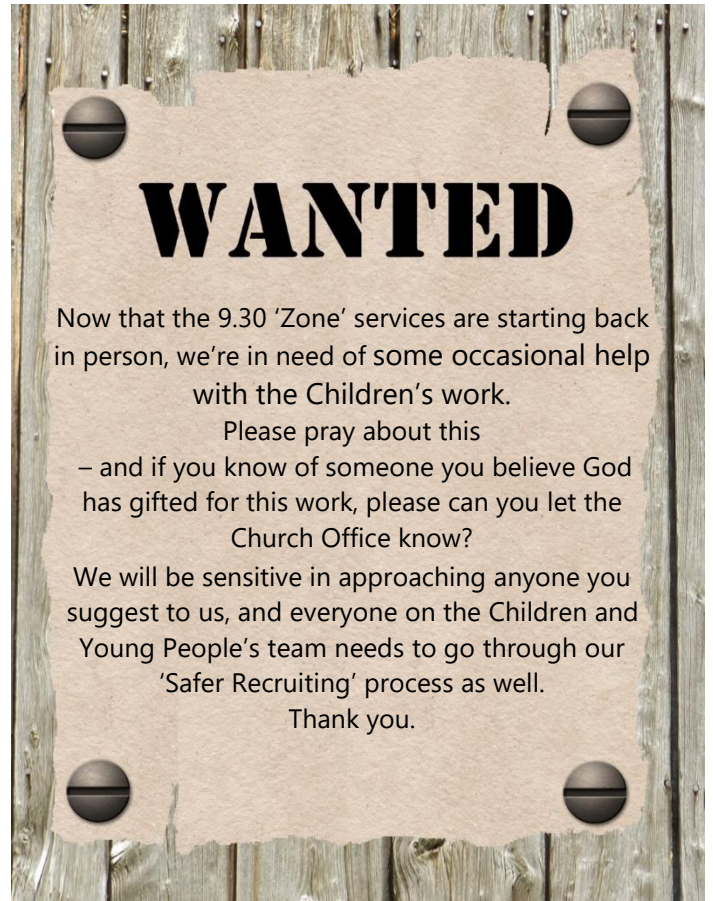
Other news & Information

Booking in for Services To help with Test and Trace, instead of using the phone line to book in, please use the QR code on mobiles on arrival or sign in. Thank you.

APCM Link and Reports video recording available on request via Pere in the office. The activities' report is also a good read 😊 <https://tinyurl.com/atpkfdww>

News of Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon

Josiah has been linked with St Matthias' for many years. Sadly Josiah's house in Kaduna has recently been burnt down and with it his theological library of between 6500 and 7000 volumes on both Christian and Muslim subjects. If you'd like to help with prayer or a financial contribution, please see details on last week's notice sheet [.\Notices 30.5.21.pdf](https://www.cloudfront.net/d3hgrlq6yacptf/Notices%2030.5.21.pdf)



Mission Torbay briefing Wed 16 June All welcome to come and find out what is being planned. 7-7.45pm on zoom.



Begin Well New *free* ante-natal course begins at St Matthias on Thurs 17 June for 6 weeks 7.30-9pm. Contact Lena Fearnley for more info or to book on 01803 295268.

Mummy and Me – a new follow on from the Begin Well course for babies 0-12 months – every Friday beginning on Friday 18 June 10-11.30am. Run by Kate Hancox, Daisy Foundation trained. Contact Lena for more info on 01803 295268.

Prayer

We would be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

Sun We pray for the worldwide church. For the leaders, the Archbishops, Bishops, Pastors and laity. In our Diocese we think of Bishops Robert, Nick and Jackie, in our own Parish we remember especially our Rector John, Assistant Paul, Mark Lord Lear, Brian Gerry, and all the staff team.

Mon For the G7 Summit Meeting taking place soon in Cornwall. Pray that they will have wisdom as they make decisions which could be world changing.

Tues Pray for Pete and Rachel and Evie now in their new home (though Pete does not start work here until 1st July).

Wed Pray for Joshua Perry as he collects for Rowcroft Hospice. Pray that the fellowship will be generous to him.

Thurs Pray for the Street Pastors relaunching soon. May they be ready to be used by God in very difficult situations on our streets.

Fri Pray for all refugees and homeless people, especially those crossing the Channel in small inadequate boats. May they find kindness from the authorities in our country where they seek to settle.

Sat We remember all who are finding life difficult especially the sick and those nearing the end of their earthly lives.

Sun Remember our worship Sunday by Sunday. May we worship in Spirit and in Truth. Pray, in Jesus Name, against the Coronavirus Pandemic. For our PCC as they try to work for a just way in organising our church.

Teaching from Galatians – from 6th June

At the 9.30.am 'Zone' services:

Life after Pentecost: 'A new family'

- June 6th Growing the family
- June 13th Keeping the family rules?
- June 20th Adopted into the family
- June 27th Developing the family likeness
- July 4th Living together as family

And at the 11am services – a helpful word of introduction:

“With the opportunity of a new start, what sort of society do we want”? This has been the musing of politicians, journalists, and analysts with the end of the pandemic in sight. It seems like a unique opportunity to reboot how we view human community.

Paul had a similar perspective as he wrote to the Galatians. It is probably the earliest document in the New Testament – written just 25-30 years after the resurrection. So, Paul’s personal journey of faith and the reliability of his experience is fascinating and reassuring – this is “not something humans made up” (1:11)

Paul needed to establish the truthfulness of the Gospel because it has such radical implications for society and faith. You see, usually when people get hold of religion, they use it as an instrument of control and repression. Judaism had become like that and some of the old school had infiltrated the church bringing in rules, regulations and just bad thinking! Paul defends Christian freedom and the joy of life directed by the Spirit. So, he explained the proper place of the Old Testament law, and then described the wonder of being released as sons and daughters of God - who have the freedom of the Spirit to produce “fruit” that mirrors the life of Jesus himself.

Today we have an opportunity for a new start across the board. Galatians is a great letter for rebooting correct thinking and behaviour. Tune into this exciting sermon series.

PCC agenda 14/06/21 7.30 pm by Zoom

Worshipping God – Making Disciples – Transforming Communities

Agenda includes:

Updates: progress on applications for SCYP worker and Wellspring snagging items

Welcome to new PCC members and election of officers Election of Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Worshipping God/Making disciples

Review of our current pattern of services - how is it all going and how do we encourage people back into church when restrictions are removed? When we hold Messy Church also needs review for September onwards since this has had an encouraging number of new families but midweek afternoons may not be the best times...

Journey towards Recovery – our Pandemic Experience – small groups are meeting to consider key questions we need to address – covering these main areas: the online ‘audience’; pastoral concerns for the church family; discipleship and outreach; fellowship and social activity; recruitment to roles.

Mission Torbay – briefing meeting and how to expand the team

Finance update

‘Strategic Development Fund’ and Bay Church – any observations/questions?

Transforming Communities

How to best welcome the Norris family

Report on Safeguarding – standard agenda item

It's a Miracle!

Jesus Walks On Water!

All families welcome

MESSY Church

Tuesday
22nd June
3.15 – 5.15pm

Come and take part in our Miracle themed afternoon, full of outdoor fun, crafts, worship and much, much more!
Picnic snack supper included!

Pre Booking is essential. This afternoon will go ahead whatever the weather – indoors if wet!
Please book by calling Lena Fearnley on 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

To contact the Church: Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

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