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Sun 8 Feb	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with communion</i>
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://tinyurl.com/26tzvyj6 
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>a time to pray for the church and the world</i>
Mon 9 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 10 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matts Knits
Wed 11 Feb	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
Fri 13 Feb	9-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club ‘Valentines Special’
Sat 14 Feb	8.45am Men’s Breakfast at the Grand Hotel <i>Contact Charlie on torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com</i>
Sun 15 Feb	<i>No 8am Holy Communion today - do join us at the 11am if you can</i>
	9.30am Explore Together
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

Collect

Almighty God,
 give us reverence for all creation
 and respect for every person,
 that we may mirror your likeness
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England
 ‘Daily Prayer’ app and meet on ZOOM using this link:

tinyurl.com/2t56wex5

You are welcome to join us!

The words we use can be found here,

with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f



Readings

2 Corinthians 9:1-9

There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. ² For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. ³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. ⁴ For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we – not to say anything about you – would be ashamed of having been so confident. ⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

⁶ Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever.’

Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹ ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² ‘The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ ‘No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

News

Heating in the Church

We've noticed that during the coldest months quite a lot of heat is lost from the church when the West entrance doors and the accessible door are opened. To help keep the church warmer, if at all possible, please can you enter and leave the church up the ramp and via the linkway.



School news: This week Helen will be at Warberry and Ilsham Academies on Wednesday and Thursday, telling the children about Jesus being tempted in the wilderness.



Church Cleaning Saturday 7th March (10am – 1pm)

Please put this date in your diary and come along to give the church a 'spring clean'. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits. Come for as long or as little as you can.

For more information please speak to Sheila Sherriff. Thank you.



Alpha is a space to unpack the basics of the Christian faith together.

You can find out more here <https://alpha.org.uk/>

We plan to run an 8 week course after Easter – please have a word with one of the clergy to find out more.



Torquay Community Larder is very grateful for all the donations made over the past years. Demand for our service has increased recently and stocks are running low. Any tinned or packet items are appreciated - even pasta and beans! Thank you once again for your support. (Please leave donations in the box in the Linkway.)

THANK YOU! Sally and the family would like to thank the Church Family for all their contributions, in whatever capacity, to make Anthony's farewell a special and memorable occasion.

Dates for your diary



Dine out Sundays

By popular request we will be back at the Central Conservative Club in Torquay, at 1.15pm on **Sunday 22nd February**.

For more information or to book please contact Gill 07709 727714.

Thursday 26th February - Missions Action evening in the hall with coffee and desserts provided by Girls Allowed at 6.30pm, followed by Linda Townsend talking about her recent exciting mission trip. Please let Judi know in person or by emailing judithstannard@outlook.com if you're hoping to come so that we have enough dessert for everyone! (Most dietary needs catered for.)

Saturday 28th Feb @ 7.30pm Jonathan Veira '**Not Dead Yet**' and only £10 per ticket! An uplifting musical celebration full of life, love and laughter. You'll laugh and cry... and go home with a song in your heart! QR code for more information. Hope Church, Dawlish 01626 923365



Wednesday 25th March @ 7pm at Upton Vale Church - Worship and prayer for the nation. Join CARE along with special guest **Graham Kendrick** for an uplifting evening of worship and prayer for our nation. 7-9.30pm with refreshments from 6.30pm. To book or for more information: events@care.org.uk or by phone on 0207 233 0455 or book via Eventbrite (tickets are free): <https://tinyurl.com/4drfwvh8>

Lent Course

Tuesday evenings (7.00-9.00) and Wednesday mornings (10.00 – 11.30)

Feb 24th/25th, Mar 3rd/4th, 10th/11th, 17th/18th and 24th/25th

'How to be an overcomer', led by Rev Andrew Green, looking at the early life of King David

Prayers for the week

- Monday** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength (*Deuteronomy 6 v 5*)
As we start a new week help us to put this verse into action.
- Tuesday** Pray for Ukraine, remembering the Ukrainian friends among us. Think of those in Ukraine who now have very little electricity with temperatures so cold.
- Wednesday** Pray for people experiencing floods here in the UK and other parts of the world.
- Thursday** Continue to pray for all those who are involved in the continuing ministry of St Matthias during our vacancy.
- Friday** Pray for the continuing attempts to get the injured out of Gaza. And for all those suffering there.
- Saturday** Pray that God will prepare our hearts ready to come to worship tomorrow and for all those taking part in our services.
- Sunday** Let's Praise God as we worship Him today.
Let our praises really ring out from this church!

PCC POINTS OF PRAYER

The PCC held a meeting on Monday, 12 January and prayer is requested for:

1. **Pray** that God will guide those involved with the process of appointing our new Rector, giving them both wisdom and discernment.
2. **Pray** for the many opportunities we have to share the love of Jesus with our community; for the amazing volunteers who sacrifice their time to put on the different events.
3. **Pray** for the financial situation of the church – that people will feel led by God to give generously, to enable us to continue to use the building for worship and to serve our community.

The minutes of our previous PCC meeting dated 10 November 2025 can be found on the notice board in the Hall.

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