

Welcome to our Harvest Celebrations!

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

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

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

Today HARVEST	8am Holy Communion <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	10am Gather to Pray <i>all welcome</i>
	11am Harvest Service https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1B_569Y74
	5.30pm Encounter - informal worship <i>all welcome</i>

Harvest Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**



It's Harvest today!
Please bring any non-perishable goods to church. All goods will go to the Community Larder.
Thank you

Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm

Tues 11 Oct	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
	7.45pm Alpha <i>on zoom</i>
Wed 12 Oct	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	10am Alpha <i>in the lounge</i>
	7pm CAP Money Course <i>in the Lounge</i>
Thurs 13 Oct	7.30pm Begin Well ante-natal course <i>in church</i>
Fri 14 Oct	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sun 16 Oct	8am Holy Communion <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30am Explore Together
	10am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion

What's on?

Harvest Please bring along non-perishable gifts for the Torquay Community Larder. In particular they need: tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, custard, vegetables, coffee, marmalade, jam, pasta sauce, squash, long life milk, cereal, sugar, biscuits, loo rolls, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, washing powder (*but no pasta or tea please as they have plenty of these!*) 😊 Thank you

Seeds for sale! Runner beans, leeks, peas, flowers...and more. Donations in aid of Tearfund (minimum 50p per packet). See table at back of church. And when they have grown why not send in a picture of your lovely produce!

Pakistan Flood Disaster Thank you for giving to St Matthias – we've been able to send £1000 this week for the Pakistan Flood Appeal as part of the 10% of our regular giving income set aside for aid agencies and mission charities.

Alpha 2022 ...starts this week The Alpha course provides a great opportunity to ask questions and explore more about what the Christian faith is all about. Online and in person:

STARTS Tuesday 11th October 7.45pm – 9.15pm online on ZOOM

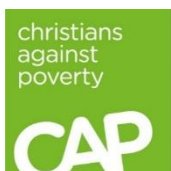
& Wednesday 12th 10 – 11.30am in the Church Centre

Even if you are not sure this is for you, **why not join the first session?**

For more info contact admin@st-matthias-church.org



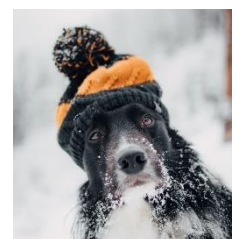
Date for your diary! We will be holding a Big Quiz Night to raise money for Tearfund on Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm. More details to follow!



CAP Course...begins this week 12 Oct in the Lounge 7pm (and then on 19 & 26 Oct) We're running a free CAP MONEY COURSE to help us all think about how we can spend, save and budget more wisely. To book email: talktous@st-matthias-church.org or call the church office on 01803

214175.

Winter Fuel Crisis Last Sunday, Keith Y encouraged us to think and pray about how we might respond as a church – outlining plans to create a 'hardship fund' – with the initial suggestion of inviting anyone who feels they do not really need it, to give away any Winter Fuel Allowance or other grant monies we may receive for fuel this winter. The text of his informative and challenging introduction can be found here [Winter Fuel Crisis October 2022](#) Look out for more details about how this fund will work, and other ways we hope to serve our church family and local community this season.



St Matthias has recently registered onto the **Eco-church Project** run by Christian Conservation charity 'A Rocha'. You can find out more here

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>



Other News

Funeral The funeral for Jenny Lane will be held here on Monday 17 October at 2.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are for Ian and the family at this time.

'Explore' and 'Encounter' Services

A simple table to help remember what time our informal services take place!
If you have never been to one of these, then we would love to see you.

1 st Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
2 nd Sunday: Encounter at 5:30pm
3 rd Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
4 th Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
5 th Sunday: United Service at 11:00am

Readings for Today

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. ⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

²⁶ 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?'

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."'

²⁸ 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.'

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers.

They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

³⁶ 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'
Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Prayers

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun Pray for all who have spiritual, physical or other needs.

Mon Praise God for Brother Andrew who died last week. He was author of "God's Smuggler" and smuggled Bibles into communist and other anti-Christian countries. He went on to found "Open Doors" and to support persecuted Christians worldwide.

Tue Please pray for Torbay Council in its ecological steps, including its commitment to carbon net zero by 2030, extending recycling opportunities, creating more cycle paths and improving public transport.

Wed Pray for all who lead or attend any of the youth activities.

Thu Pray for the Community Larder donations this Harvest, for happy relationships amongst those working in these fields, for the food banks in Torquay and for other steps being taken to help all in financial need, especially the CAP course.

Fri Pray that we may all become more effective pray-ers.

Sat Please pray for a greater awareness by Christians of their environmental stewardship, looking after our environment both worldwide and locally, for the challenge to make lifestyle changes at a time of financial hardship for many, and how we can each change our way of living.

Sun Pray for our leadership team as they lead us in our worship.

Thanks go to:

Those involved in the CAP
money course 😊

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