

Sunday 16th August 2026

All are welcome

The 11am on Sunday is live-streamed so you can join us in Church or online (or even worship later in the week!)



www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

Sun 16 Aug	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together with Communion today
	10:30am	Gather to Pray please come and join us
	11am	Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee https://tinyurl.com/yfhcvd2b
Mon 17 Aug	9am	Morning Prayer on ZOOM – see below
Tue 18 Aug	9am	Morning Prayer In the St Francis Chapel
Wed 19 Aug	9am	Holy Communion in the St Francis Chapel
Thu 20 Aug	1 – 4pm	Crafternoon see separate notice below
Sun 23 Aug	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together
	10:30am	Gather to Pray please come and join us
	11am	Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee
	5.30pm	Praise @5.30 please join us for informal worship

For Morning Prayer online, we meet on ZOOM [tinyurl.com/2t56wex5] and use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app You are welcome to join us!

The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f

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Collect: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Our thanks go to:

Sylvia and Ester for running the office this week.

Readings for this Sunday

Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32 *NIV (UK)*

The remnant of Israel

11 I ask then: did God reject his people?

By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah – how he appealed to God against Israel?

29 God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, **31** so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. **32** For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Matthew 15:21-28 *NIV (UK)*

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **22** A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.'

24 He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

25 The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.

26 He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

27 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

28 Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.'

And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Dates for your diary



CRAFTAFTERNOON

Unleash Your Creativity
All Materials Included!

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST
1PM - 4PM (POP IN ANY TIME)

Activities Include:

- Paper crafts
- DIY gifts
- Painting & drawing

**£3 per person
or
£5 for 1 child
& 1 adult**

Fun for children and adults (all ages welcome)
Children under 12 need to be supervised by an adult

Girls Allowed meet next on **Thursday 20th** August for lunch at Rockfish in Brixham

Please contact Elaine elainebiden@hotmail.com, 07974001227 or 01803 390222 to book, or for more information.



News

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with pre-school rubbish and re-cycling last Sunday – it has made a great impact. However.... There is still some more. A mix of recycling, rubbish and wood (which may be suitable for a wood burner). If you are able to help please let one of the staff team know.



Eco-Action – Remember to **Re-duce**, **Re-cycle** and **Re-use** as much as possible, and in the Church and Centre to either take it home or use the new green **recycling bins**. Use **clear bags** only and do not put in any glass - please take that home.



When you go to the beach, take a bag with you to collect any litter or plastic you come across.

Prayers for the week –

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

- Mon** We thank God for the many people who make St Matthias “work”: our administrators, musicians, tech operators, cleaners, property managers - and countless others. We remember them in prayer
- Tue** We continue to pray for Stephen and his family as they settle into the church. We also remember the staff team as they adjust to the new dynamics within the team and have their first meeting this morning.
- Wed** Water companies, Local Authorities and the government are having to deal with drought conditions now - and in the future.
Pray all these bodies will have wisdom and long-term vision.
- Thur** We are told to pray for those in authority.
Let's pray for those who have power to bring about peace in Ukraine, Iran, Gaza, Lebanon and Sudan.
- Fri** Afghanistan is dealing with world isolation & increasing poverty. Most Christians have had to leave the country others are deep underground. Pray for the country and for believers.
- Sat** Let's pray for our local area - Wellswood, Torquay and the Bay.
For our economic, social and spiritual good.
- Sun** Pray for those involved in leading & preaching today: Nicholas at 8.00, Stephen & Helen at 9.30, Stephen & Dallas at 11.00, Helen and Stephen at 5.30pm

Would you like to share a review of a book that you have valued reading?

Remember that we have a small library of Christian Books (for all ages) downstairs, with some on display at the back of church – why not have a browse?

If God has blessed you this summer, why not pass some of that blessing on to someone else this week – and remember that the Torbay Larder will always welcome you donations – look for the box in the Linkway.