

Sunday 9 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 9 Aug



8am

Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

9:30am

Explore Together

10:30am

Gather to Pray *please come and join us*

11am

Morning Worship *followed by tea/coffee*

<https://tinyurl.com/3x7p3jje>

5.30pm

Prayer @ 5.30

Mon 10 Aug

9am

Morning Prayer

Tue 11 Aug

9am

Morning Prayer

Wed 12 Aug

9am

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For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom 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

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Collect: Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer, give us patience and
courage never to lose hope, but always
to bring our prayers before you; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our thanks go to:

those who do the extra
clearing and cleaning jobs
around the Centre, Church
building, and grounds.

**Please note that, due to annual leave,
the office will only be partially manned between 30 July to 13 August.**

Readings for this Sunday

Romans 10:5-15 NIV (UK)

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: 'The person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14:22-33 NIV (UK)

Jesus walks on the water

Jesus has just fed a multitude beside the Lake

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'

²⁹ 'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

News

Eco-Action - We now have large, green **recycling bins** in the Church and in the Hall kitchen. Please use **clear bags** only and do not put out in any glass, please take that home. Only put in the clean items you would recycle at home. *There is a key to open the big bins in the car park so that you can dispose of clear bags in the recycling bin and black bags in the general rubbish bin.*

Following on from our Marine Eco-fest, please take a bag with you to the beach to collect any litter or plastic you come across.

Pre-school – We have a vacancy for 3 mornings a week for a pre-school administrator: please contact Sylvia for further information.
A good knowledge of Excel Spreadsheets is required.

Dates for your diary

Men's Prayer Breakfast – 15th August – is also open to ladies this month.

Guest speaker Michael Marcel –more information here ukwells.org/

On this occasion all places must be prebooked and paid in advance.

No Cash on the day. Contact Charlie: 07917005406

Bank Transfer details: JOHN CHARLES ALLANSEN 77-49-26 31484062.

Girls Allowed meet next on Thursday 20th August for lunch at Rockfish in Brixham please contact Elaine elainebiden@hotmail.com or 07974001227 or 01803 390222 to book, or for more information.

Prayers for the week –

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

Mon Drought conditions are bringing diminished yields.

Pray for farmers as they meet this crisis.

Tue Wars continue to rumble on - in Ukraine, Iran, Lebanon & Sudan.

Pray for peace with justice

Wed Members of the staff team are getting away for holidays. Pray for their refreshment

Thur Fires have been raging across France.

Pray for protection for fire-fighters - and for governments as they plan for the future in an increasingly hot climate.

Fri The church in Iran is ancient - including Armenian & Assyrian believers - & numbering 80,000. Pray for their protection

Sat Torquay is a holiday destination. Pray for those in the tourist industry - & for us all as we welcome visitors

Sun Stephen Yates is preaching today! Pray for him as he speaks at our services- and for us as we take it in and live it out!

Book Review (from Susie Williams)

Landmarks – Margaret Silf

Every now and then it is good to take stock of our lives, to reflect and pray. Margaret Silf's book is excellent for helping with that. She helps us to 'see' our journey through the landmarks that have helped form us. In the process we can understand how our world views were shaped and might, potentially, need changing. We can understand how our fears and anxieties were created and, perhaps, find healing. I've deliberately used the words 'potentially' and 'perhaps' because how long you spend, reflecting honestly, in prayer matters: healing and wholeness take intentionality, vulnerability, and, above all, time. Sometimes it is like peeling off layers of wrapping paper, each time thinking you've reached the prize, only to realise there is another layer beyond it. Our heavenly Father wants us to achieve the potential with which he gifted us but, too often, we merely continue blindly stumbling along familiar paths rather than allowing ourselves to be directed to the ones he has cleared for us to confidently walk tall in. This book helps bring us closer to him and his ways.

Humans seem to resist change, even whilst it is being imposed upon them by the external world, age and health. God may be the same, yesterday, today and forever, but he is often calling us to new things and we can, too easily, be unhearing and miss out on God-given opportunities. Working through this book enabled me to mourn the passing of some things and let them go. This gave me the space to pick up new things and to realise that they were far more in step with how my thinking and understanding had moved on, but also to be far more aware of what God is doing now. The burden is not a burden when the yoke we bear has been given us by Christ, rather than the second-hand, or broken one, we have been wearing for years.

Shaped by her years as an Ignatian Spiritual Director, Margaret accompanies us on the way offering us insight and guidance. I am creative but even my mother couldn't describe me as a painter, and yet I found myself sketching or painting as I journalled whilst working my way (really slowly) through this book. This isn't surprising when you think that we were made in the image of the creator: being creative fulfils a deep need in all of us – when we allow ourselves the time.

Landmarks is one of the, very few, books I know I will return to – because I know I'll find new insight and learn something formative - and I whole-heartedly recommend it.

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 downstairs, with some on display at the back of church – why not have a browse?