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Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit. Please do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.

Sunday 4 October				
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
9.30am	Breakfastzone in the Hall			
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)			
During the Week				
Mon	7.30pm Meeting of Welcomers in the church			
Tues	9am Morning Prayer			
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' Parents & Toddlers - the Lounge			
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge			
	2pm Pre-School Harvest Service			
Thurs	5.30-7pm Harvest Choir rehearsal in the church			
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club in the hall			
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Café – with John Wibberly			
	Sponsored sleepover for the Youth Bank! See Ruth for more info.			
Sunday 11 October				
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
10.30am	All Age Worship – Harvest Thanksgiving with lunch & I'm New meeting			
5.30pm	Prayer meeting in church with cup of tea at 5pm			

#### Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## What's On & News

**Paul, Dan, Matthew, Chris, Anne and Barry** want to thank the church family for the host of cards, messages, flowers and hugs we have received since losing Sarah. The support of the family at St Matthias, in so many ways over the last four and a half years, has made an enormous difference. We can't thank you enough – but we shall go on trying.

**The youth bank** are having a sponsored sleepover on the 10th-11th October 2015 where they will be giving up technology and trying a range of challenges related to the persecuted church. If you would like to come please speak to Tessa Barton or Ruth Jones or email Ruth, <u>ruth.stmatthias@gmail.com</u>. If you have any boardgames that we can borrow for this sleepover can you let Ruth know ASAP please? Many thanks!!

**Anode** Thank you for your ongoing support of Anode. In the last year they have given out 2100 emergency parcels to local families who would otherwise have nothing. Further donations welcomed especially in time for Harvest.

**Torquay Celebrate Weekend 2015** 17th & 18th October at St Cuthbert Mayne School Torquay TQ1 4RN. See poster in porch for details.

**Torbay Deanery Evensong** 11 October at 6.30pm at St John's Church, Torquay with the choir and organists of Exeter Cathedral.

**The autumn edition** of the church family magazine is now available. Please take a copy home.

The church family contacts list will be published very soon. Watch this space!



Wondering what life is all about? Wanting to find out more about the Christian

**faith?** We are going to be running a course exploring the Christian faith beginning on Monday 12 October at 8pm. It's called 'START!' and will consist of 6 sessions. To find out more, please email or phone the office (details at end of this notice sheet) or have a look at <u>www.st-matthias-church.org</u>

# **Readings for Today**

#### Genesis 2: 18-24

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.<sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.'

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### Mark 10: 2-16

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' <sup>3</sup> 'What did Moses command you?' he replied. <sup>4</sup> They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.' <sup>5</sup> 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup> 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female".<sup>7</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

<sup>10</sup> When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.<sup>11</sup> He answered, 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup> And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.'

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Suggested topics to help in our private prayer time			
Today			
Mon	Praise God for all the services last weekend, especially Paul's ordination and Sarah Sennett's funeral service of thanksgiving.		
Tues	We pray for the Toddlers group meeting again today. Pray too for all the staff in our Church especially John and Ruth Beckett as they lead us.		
Wed	Pray for our Pre-school as they meet daily and today pray for them in their Harvest Service.		
Thurs	We thank God for all who make music in our worship - today we pray for those in the "choir" as they practice for the Harvest Services.		
Fri	Please pray for all the Street and School Pastors and those who support them at the time in prayer. Praise God for the honour given to Trevor Staveley for his work with the Street Pastors.		
Sat	We pray for the young people having their sleepover to raise funds for the Youth Bank. Please pray for Ruth Jones and Tessa Barton as they lead the young people. Pray that they will get plenty of sponsors for this good cause.		
Sun	Today we pray for the Churches of our Deanery that they will be places where people find comfort, hope and blessing. We pray today for the Deanery Evensong at St. John's Church at 6.30p.m. Pray that some members of our Church will support this service. Pray for our Harvest Service and the Harvest Lunch that it may be a time of real fellowship and fun.		

### HARVEST LUNCH

The Annual Harvest Lunch will take place next **Sunday 11 October** after the morning service. Please sign the list on the notice board in the hall. The cost will be £6 per adult, £3 for under 14s and a family ticket for £15. This is a lovely opportunity for the church family to join together in fellowship.

Jollyween	Saturday 31 October	see poster for info
Coach Trip to Cardiff	Saturday 21 November	see poster for info

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