



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.

Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Harvest Service <i>with visiting speaker Sara Artingstall from Operation Christmas Child</i>
12pm	Church Family Harvest Lunch
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the Hall with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	2pm Ilsham Academy Harvest Service
	7.30pm St Matts Cats
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	1.30pm Warberry Academy Harvest Service
	6.30-7.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price room</i>
Fri	2pm Funeral of Hilda Fletcher

Sunday 16 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Youth Service

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

What's On & News

* **Coach Trip to Cardiff** * 19 November * Lovely day out * sign up in the hall *



Gamechangers The young people of the church are supporting Operation Christmas Child and we are pleased to welcome Sara Artingstall to talk to us today about this. Thank you for helping us to achieve our aim to make people's lives better in the name of God. The deadline for bringing in your gifts will be **30 October**. *Gamechangers*

"Exploring Vocation" Sat 15 October 2016, St Luke's Chapel, Exeter. One day event led by Rev Hannah Alderson, Vocations Development Officer for the Diocese. Tel: 01392 724804 for more information.

Welcomers Thank You Meeting will take place after the service on 23 October.

Thank you for your Harvest donations which will be passed on to **Anode**.

A story or suggestion to share? Look out for the new postbox at the back of church and fill in a green card.



Magazine – autumn edition out today. Please pick up your copy from the back of church.



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St Matthias Church, Torquay



From Mike Hackeson "I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who have supported me in my music ministry St Matthias'. It has been a privilege to a church that is constantly growing. I to thank you for the gift voucher which will

over the years at serve the Lord in would also like

be put to good use. I will miss the many friends who have been a part of my spiritual journey over the years and I hope not to lose touch with you."

In Christian love Mike

Thank God for my successful new hip and thank all my friends at St Matthias so much for their loving prayers for me over this time. Back soon.

Love Wendy Hastings.

27-29 October 2-9.30pm Family celebration at Central Church with food, fun, worship and teaching. See www.torbayunited.org.uk or poster for more details.

Some topics for our prayers this week	
Sun	"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above". Pray for the Harvest Thanksgiving services. Pray that we may be truly thankful for all God gives us and which we so often take for granted.
Mon	Pray for our young people, especially as they collect for their shoe box appeal to make Christmas happier for very needy children.
Tues	Pray for all we know who are in need of any kind - especially the sick. Thank God for our hospitals and those who work in them.
Wed	Pray for the various prayer meetings in our Church and also the Home Groups, that they may be well attended and a blessing to all who attend.
Thurs	We remember our Church leaders - the Archbishops, Bishops Robert, Nick and Sarah, Archdeacons and Clergy. May they be faithful and have strength to fulfil their tasks.
Fri	Remember the Diocesan day of "Exploring Vocation" that we may all seriously look at our lives and ask God if there is anything He wants us to do.
Sat	The "Movie Night & Fish and Chips Supper" tonight. Pray for fun and remember the work of the Rowcroft Hospice and all who are nearing the ending of their lives.
Sun	Thank God for all who minister in our church - especially the staff team led by John our Rector.



Got questions about life  Begin the adventure 

Alpha try Alpha here

Alpha Course begins here on Tues 1 Nov at 7.45pm in the Lounge.

St Matthias Events	
20 Oct	Messy Church
29 Oct	Church Family Jollyween party 5-7pm in the hall – fun, food, games and activities. Please do join us.
2 & 6 Nov	Fairtrade events at the Stannard's and in church – more info soon.
19 Nov	The annual coach trip to Cardiff - £16 payable in advance. Sign up in the hall. Numbers limited so hurry and book your place! Money to the office clearly marked please. Cheques payable to PCC St Matthias.

Readings

Luke 17: 11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?' ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

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.'

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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