



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	Holy Communion (CW)
12.30pm	Baptism of Abigail and Joab
6pm	Youth Service

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>

Sunday 23 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
12pm	Welcomers Meeting <i>after the service</i>

Collect

Almighty God,
 in whose service lies perfect freedom:
 teach us to obey you
 with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On & News

* **Coach Trip to Cardiff** * 19 November * Lovely day out * See below *



Operation Christmas Child The young people of the church are supporting this year's Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to bring in a gift to help to fill a shoebox, please do so by **30**

October. The packing party will be taking place in the **Hall at 2pm** on 30 October – anyone is invited to join in and if you wish to stay on after the service and bring a packed lunch that would be fine too!

Many will be sad to hear of Linda Brennan's recent death. There will be a memorial service at St Matthias on 28 October at 2.30pm.

Thank you for your Harvest donations which have been passed on to **Anode**.

Winter Night Shelter Following the success of last year's night shelter for the homeless, St Matthias will be hosting it again on five Sunday nights during February and March 2017. If you haven't already expressed an interest in helping but would like to, please speak to either Avril or Malcolm Ford or Cliff Adcock. Everyone involved last year found it to be a rewarding experience and this was a great Christian outreach to the most vulnerable in Torbay. There is also a Bring and Share lunch/meeting for all volunteers old and new at St Pauls, Preston on October 22nd at 11.00am. Anyone interested is most welcome.

Co-op Local Cause When members buy Co-op branded products and services, the Coop will give 1% to a local cause and Pre-School has been chosen as one of the three charities that the Co-op wish to support. Please help us by going online and specifically choosing St. Matthias Pre-School as the charity of your choice and we will then receive the funds directly. (Over £1,000 has already been allocated!) Thank you.

Dates for your diary

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 in church (and at the Stannard's). 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 to 'PCC St Matthias'.

Thank you for praying for the site visit on 6 October. We are waiting for reports from that meeting but are still planning to have a special church family meeting on 20 November as part of the 10.30am service when Alex Coppock, the architect, will outline our re-ordering plans.



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



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

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

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	Pray for the baptisms today of Abigail and Joab and for their families and friends. Pray too for all the "occasional" services which take place.
Mon	Pray for the DAC meeting today as they discuss our re-ordering plans.
Tues	Pray for all who are suffering, especially those known to us. May they know God's presence and healing in their lives.
Wed	Pray for the Churches Together in Torbay – for understanding and unity.
Thurs	Pray for the United States as they near the time to vote for a new president. Pray for that country in their present turmoil.
Fri	Pray for the preparations for the Alpha Course beginning in November – for those leading and those taking part.
Sat	Pray for all who serve our Church in any way - the staff team, the prayer ministers, the welcoming team, the cleaners and flower decorators, the gardeners, and all those who help in many other ways.
Sun	Praise God for our Church and for the freedom we have to worship together. Pray that we may always know God's presence.

Readings

2 Timothy 3: 14–17 & 2 Timothy 4: 1-5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **4: 1-5** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: ‘In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, “Grant me justice against my adversary.” ⁴ ‘For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, “Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!”’ ⁶ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?’

A promotional banner for the Alpha Course. The banner is divided into three sections. The left section is red and contains the text "Got questions about life" in white, a white question mark icon, and the "Alpha" logo with the text "try Alpha here" below it. The middle section is grey and contains the text "Begin the adventure" in white. The right section shows a brown leather backpack with a white cloth inside, set against a dark background.

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