



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	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
12pm	Welcomers Meeting <i>after the service</i>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	7.30pm St Matts Cats <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	6.30-7.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Fri	2.30pm Memorial Service for Linda Brennan
Sat	5-7pm Jollyween <i>in the Hall</i>
Sunday 30 October	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) with prayers for healing
12.30pm	Baptism of Reuben Harrison
2pm	Operation Christmas Child – shoebox packing <i>in the Hall</i>

Collect

Merciful God,
 teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
 that trusting in your word
 and obeying your will
 we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On & News



Operation Christmas Child A week to go before the deadline for bringing in gifts and then the big shoebox packing session! The

packing party will be taking place in the **Hall at 2pm on Sunday 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.

2017 Church Diaries are now available. Please pick one up today. Donation welcomed in aid of the Friends of St Matthias.

Haiti collection A big thank you for the wonderful response to the appeal for Haiti following the recent hurricane. The retiring collection last Sunday raised £500, to which a further £500 has been added from the missionary tithe reserve fund for disaster relief, so we have sent a cheque for £1,000 to Tearfund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

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.

Dates for your diary

29 Oct	Church Family Jollyween party 5-7pm in the hall – fun, food, games and activities. Please do join us.
1 Nov	Alpha course begins
2 & 6 Nov	Fairtrade events: Sunday 6 November – Traidcraft event after Breakfastzone and after 10.30am service. 5% of takings to Friends of St Matthias. (And on 2 Nov Judi Stannard is also holding an event at her house at 6 Wellswood Ave from 10–3pm & 7-9pm.)
12 Nov	Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Café – speaker Andrew Stilliard
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'.

Some topics for our prayers this week

Sun	Pray for Prayzone - all who attend and all who lead or help. Pray for all the work amongst the young people in the church.
Mon	Ask God that every member of the Church may turn to God for guidance in all we do. Pray for all who struggle for whatever reason.
Tues	Thank God that the young people have got the vision of Operation Christmas Child. Pray that many will aid them by providing goods for needy children in other parts of our world especially in the Middle East.
Wed	Remember David and Amy Roche our CMS Partners in the Middle East. May God use them richly and may they and their family be protected.
Thurs	Pray for the Fairtrade events next week - praying for justice for the farmers and producers of the goods.
Fri	Please pray for the family and friends of Linda Brennan, for the Memorial Service today and may Jesus be heard by many in this service.
Sat	For the Jollyween Party - that folk's eyes will be turned to Jesus and not the evil spirits around. Pray that the elderly and very young will not be afraid.
Sun	Pray for the baptism today of Reuben and for his family and friends.

Got questions about life



Alpha
try Alpha here

Begin the adventure



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

Readings

Romans 15: 1-6

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4: 16-24

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."'

²⁴ 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town.'

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