



Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.

Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.30am service.

Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with b'fast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	7.30pm – Midnight Open Doors Prayer Meeting <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern <i>with speaker Kevin Foster</i>
Sat-Sun	Youth Club sleepover

Sunday 9 July

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Cecil Johnston – talk about his recent time working in Uganda

Collect

God our Saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of
peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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Readings

Genesis 22: 1-14

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!'

'Here I am,' he replied.

² Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac – and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain that I will show you.'

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, 'Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.'

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, 'Father?'

'Yes, my son?' Abraham replied. 'The fire and wood are here,' Isaac said, 'but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?'

⁸ Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.' And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, 'Abraham! Abraham!'

'Here I am,' he replied.

¹² 'Do not lay a hand on the boy,' he said. 'Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.' ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.'

Matthew 10: 40-42

⁴⁰ 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives

even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Prayer Meeting 7 July 7.30pm until midnight praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters. Come for some, or all of the time! "Pray in the Spirit - be alert and always keep on praying for all God's people" Ephesians 6:18

Farewell to Ruth Jones There will be a church family lunch after the service on **16 July** to say farewell to Ruth as she finishes her four years of youth work training here. To contribute towards a leaving gift please see Pere in the office.

Girls Allowed - meeting on **Wednesday 19th July** at 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets £3 from Ruth Beckett (01803 293119). Come for nibbles, chat, heart crafts and have your say about how the group should run.

Kitchen Refurbishment It's going well! One more week to go and then the new kitchen will be up and running hopefully from Sunday 9 July.

Organ Recital Saturday 22 July The Friends of St Matthias' next event will be an organ recital by the very talented John Bryden. Make a diary note now!

Chat @ St Matts The next meeting will be on Thursday 7 September. (We have cancelled the July and August meetings because of the kitchen refit and the summer holidays when people are often away.) See you in September!

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Praise God for all who come to Breakfastzone and pray for all who lead.
Mon	Pray for all who are ill, waiting for operations, recovering or have any other problems - may they know our Lord's presence and healing.
Tues	Pray for all world leaders, that they may really seek peace and harmony.
Wed	Pray for all involved in the work here with children of all ages. May they experience Jesus in their leaders and get to know Him.
Thurs	Pray for the preparations for Ruth Jones' farewell lunch. Pray for her as she seeks God's plan for her future.
Fri	Pray for the prayer meeting for persecuted Christians - may many attend.
Sat	Pray for The Men's Breakfast and Kevin Foster as he shares his experiences.
Sun	Pray for our services today and also for the afternoon prayer time, and for Cecil as he shares about his work in Uganda.

St. Matthias' Church Pre-School – A BIBLE FOR A CHILD The Management Committee would like to present a children's Beginner's Bible to each of our 20 children leaving the Pre-School at the end of July to go to main school. They will be presented at the end of term service in Church on 21 July. We hope that the parents will read the stories to the children and also that the Bible would be treasured in years to come and be a reminder of what they learnt in Pre-School. The cost is £9 per Bible. If anyone would like to buy one or make a donation, please put your donation in a blue envelope marked 'BIBLES' and offer a prayer for the recipient as you give your gift. Thank you so much, Sylvia Barratt.



Food Banks: New Arrangements For many years we've collected food for Anode and the Leonard Stocks Centre. From now on we will only be collecting for the Torquay Community Larder run from the Salvation Army in Market St. Sadly there is a greater need than ever for this support so please buy a few extra items when you go shopping and put them in the container at the back of church. It's a great way of showing our Christian compassion for local people. (Leonard Stocks are quite happy that we make this change since they get their food from the Larder in any case, and we are still planning to support Anode for their Harvest and Christmas special collections.) Anode has written to us as follows:

"It is with grateful thanks I write this email for the support and commitment you have shown over the years and last year alone we delivered over 144,000 meals across Torbay and without your support we wouldn't have been able to achieve such impact. Please pass on our love and thanks to the Church Council, ministry team and congregation, we will be eternally grateful for your support you have shown. We also pray God's blessing on the collections as you now support the Worthy cause at the Salvation Army, I pray that it doesn't become such a headache as the Anode foodbank can be with more demand increasing. Every blessing, your friend, Nigel Williams, Anode Founding Director.

Scripture Union Every year, we give the year 6 children at Warberry and Ilsham schools a Scripture Union book called "It's Your Move" that helps them to think about moving on to secondary school. I also present a Transition lesson to each class. Would you consider financially supporting the purchase of these books? Each book is about £2 each. Please can you put donations into a blue envelope marked "school books" and put in the collection basket. Thank you, Ruth J