



## 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)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
12 ish	Farewell lunch for Ruth Jones <i>in the Hall</i>
6pm	Youth-led Service

### During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm 'Girls Allowed' <i>in the hall</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Sat	7.30pm Organ Recital with John Bryden

### Sunday 23 July

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>in church</i>
10.30am	Prayzone <i>in the hall</i>

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

### **Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

<sup>18</sup> 'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

### **Genesis 25: 19-34**

<sup>19</sup> This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup> and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup> The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, 'Why is this happening to me?' So she went to enquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup> The LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the elder will serve the younger.'

<sup>24</sup> When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup> After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. <sup>27</sup> The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. <sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup> He said to Jacob, 'Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!' (That is why he was also called Edom.)

<sup>31</sup> Jacob replied, 'First sell me your birthright.'

<sup>32</sup> 'Look, I am about to die,' Esau said. 'What good is the birthright to me?'

<sup>33</sup> But Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

For the next instalment of the story see Genesis 27: 1-43

## WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

**Girls Allowed** - Wed **19 July** at 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets £3 from Ruth B 293119 - nibbles, chat, heart crafts & talk about how the group should run.

**Kitchen Refit** It's done! Thanks to everyone for your help with this.



**Organ Recital Saturday 22 July** The Friends of St Matthias' next event will be an organ recital by the very talented John Bryden. Tickets now on sale.

**Sainsburys** plan to drop the Fairtrade mark on their own brand tea – for details of how you could change this please see flyer at the back of church.

**Beginner's Bibles** for the pre-schoolers and book for year 6 leavers – can you help towards the costs please? £9 per bible and £2 per year 6 book. Thank you.

**Coffee Rota** – would you like to join the merry band of coffee makers on a Sunday morning? Everyone's name usually comes around once every 6 weeks. It would be much appreciated. Please let Sheila Hart know. Thank you.

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## For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	We are told in the Bible to remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us. So let us pray for those who read the Bible every week in Church. Pray that we may all listen and take action for anything that may have challenged us.
Mon	Remember before God all those helping the less fortunate and homeless in Torbay. Pray for those working with the Torquay Community Larder.
Tues	Pray for all who are sick, bereaved or in trouble that God will meet with them.
Wed	Pray for "Girls Allowed" starting tonight, may it be a time of real fun and fellowship.
Thurs	Pray for all Meeting in Home Groups this week, praying that we may learn how to follow Jesus better.
Fri	Pray for our leaders in Church and State, especially in their relationship with other leaders world wide.
Sat	Praise God for Friends of St. Matthias and for the organ recital with John Bryden.
Sun	Pray for the services today, especially Prayzone and for all who are leading.

**God can do anything** anything at all (x2)

Nothing is too big for him and nothing is too small

God can do anything anything at all

Don't put him in a box

Don't shove him in a corner

Don't you limit what he can do (x2)

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Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of  
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho san - na in the high - est.

**We go into the world,  
To walk in God's light,  
To rejoice in God's love,  
And to reflect God's glory**