

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	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	1pm Funeral of Patricia Traylor
Sunday 3 September	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
12pm	Baptism

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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Readings

Hebrews 11: 1 & 21-28

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshipped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Exodus 2: 11-end

¹¹ One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labour. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. ¹² Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, 'Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?'

¹⁴ The man said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?' Then Moses was afraid and thought, 'What I did must have become known.'

¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. ¹⁶ Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷ Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

¹⁸ When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, 'Why have you returned so early today?'

¹⁹ They answered, 'An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock.'

²⁰ ‘And where is he?’ Reuel asked his daughters. ‘Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat.’ ²¹ Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. ²² Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, ‘I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.’ ²³ During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵ So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Matthew 16: 13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’

¹⁴ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’

¹⁵ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

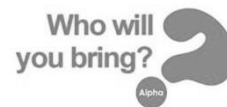
¹⁷ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	As we enter church may we remember that we come into a holy place to worship and have fellowship with each other.
Mon	Pray for all holiday makers. Pray some will come into church & find refuge.
Tues	Pray for all who suffer in our world & church that they may know Jesus.
Wed	Pray for Her Majesty the Queen and all the Royal family, Ministers of State and all who influence our country.
Thurs	Pray for all families represented in our church; especially for those under pressure of any kind. Remember especially the Miles family.
Fri	Pray for the church staff, all who help lead the services, all who read God’s Word to us and all who make music.
Sat	Pray for Pere and all who keep the church clean and functioning well.
Sun	Pray for all our Church leaders as they cope with difficult situations of ministry.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Jean Fricker continues her recovery and is now home and looking forward to joining us again soon. She sends her love and blessings.

Alpha the new course begins on Tuesday 26 September at 7.45pm in the Lounge with coffee and cake. If you would like to find out more please speak to one of the clergy or see the posters for more info. And why not invite a friend along too?



The Community Larder is grateful for donations but they are short of particular items. Please see the list in the basket at the back of church.

Friends of St Matthias **Blackberry and Apple Fayre 30 Sept**

Many thanks for all the suggestions and offers of help received so far. We're looking forward to a great fun day and to raising large amounts. Please come and talk to us in the Hall after the service to let us know how you can help or to give us your ideas. Or ring me at home anytime on 01803 524215. *Rob Newman*
Chairman of the Friends

Syrian Refugee Families Appeal Please see the board in the hall for more information about how we can help with donations through Amazon and coordinated by Anode.

Stephen Yates is being priested on Sunday 24 September at 10.30am at St Mary's Church in Totnes. If you would like to go please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or in the Hall.

Men's Breakfast 9 September 9am at English Riviera Centre. Please see Charlie if you would like to book c.allansen@btinternet.com

Coffee Rota Will coffee makers please collect the new rota which begins on Sun 4 September from the pigeon holes. Thank you for your continued support.

Poppy appeal We have received a letter from the Royal British Legion thanking us for the support we gave last year and for the money raised.

Ladies Lounge at the Salvation Army in Market Street – are looking for a volunteer to help with craft activities – please see notice on board in hall or contact them on 07895 155965.