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Sunday 1 October 2017

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 with b'fast at 9.15am in the hall
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) with children's groups

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	2.30pm Chat at St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	7.30pm Harvest Barn Dance with live band and food! <i>In the hall</i>

Harvest Sunday 8 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Service for Harvest
5.30pm	Evening Service

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Exodus 20: 1-21

And God spoke all these words:² 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ 'You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ 'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ 'You shall not murder.

¹⁴ 'You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ 'You shall not steal.

¹⁶ 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

¹⁷ 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.'

²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

John 10: 9-18

⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

'Love bade me welcome' by George Herbert

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'

Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,

'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame

Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'

'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'

So I did sit and eat.

What's on and news

May Gingell has finally lost her fight against MND and she passed away peacefully in Rowcroft Hospice on Wednesday 27 September. John would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, telephone calls, and concern for May over the last few weeks. We are deeply grateful for the superb care provided to May by Rowcroft Hospice and if you would wish to support this work we would be delighted.

Chris Rook Monica and family would like to thank St Matthias Church Family for all their love, support and kind words and cards over the past few weeks. Chris was very much part of the community of St Matts and had been involved in various projects in the church including hosting our home group, cooking for Alpha, Messy Church and constructing *interesting* structures for worship and drama. We miss him but as in the game of monopoly, he may have passed GO and gone straight to be with our Lord.

Stephen Yates would like to thank everyone for their prayers, presents and cards for his ordination last Sunday. They were much appreciated.

Alpha It's not too late to join Alpha which continues in the Lounge this week on Tuesday and begins at 7.45pm with coffee and cake. If you would like to find out more please speak to one of the clergy or see the posters. And why not invite a friend along too?



Jollyween Sat 28 October 5-7pm Please join us for a family fun filled evening of games, food and activities in the hall. No costumes please.

Children's Advent Calendars The church will be giving advent calendars again this year and if you feel you would like to contribute please put your donation in a blue envelope in the collection (marked advent calendars). They cost approximately £3 each. Thank you.

Men's Breakfast 14 October Kent's Cavern with speaker David Scott. See Charlie to book or email him at c.allansen@btinternet.com

Are any of these old pound coins in your Money Box? Thank you if you have been collecting money at home for the Reordering Project 'Grounded in faith...Growing to serve?' Please bring them in soon so we can rescue any old pound coins before they cease to be legal tender!





Get your ticket today!

Harvest Supper/Barn Dance with live music from 'Blue Jewel Ceilidh Band' on Saturday 7 October to start at 7.30pm.

Tickets in the hall today after the 10.30am service or from the office: adults £8, child £4, family £22 (2 adults, 3 children under 14). Food included, bring your own drink.

Gamechangers - Christmas is coming, or Christmas Child!

The young people will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child project again this year. It works with the local Church worldwide to demonstrate God's love by sending shoeboxes full of gifts to children who would otherwise not receive presents. We are aiming to send 50 boxes and are asking if you could donate any new items that can be put into a shoebox and/or £5 to cover the cost of sending each box. See the leaflets at the back of church or on the notice board. The deadline for donations is 12 Nov. For further info please ask the young people, Stephen, Elaine, or Jack and they will be happy to discuss it with you. Many thanks *Gamechangers*



Where's Paul?

Just in case you were wondering, I am going to be away from St Matthias for the next 2 months, which will include spending time in the Shaldon Benefice as part of my training. Although Bishop Nick has 'signed off' my 3 years as a training curate, I will continue to be developing my ministry, and this is a great opportunity for me. I hope to feed back some of my observations of Parish life in a very different setting and I will be back at St Matthias at the beginning of November. *Paul Barton*

'United 2017, Pray Torbay' 28 October – a day of prayer across Torbay.

St Matthias will be open between 9 and 1 to welcome people to pray. Please come and join in the day of prayer here or by visiting other churches across the Bay.

Church Centre Bookings Church groups are always welcome to use the rooms in the Centre - please check availability and book in with Pere in the office. (The rooms are cleaned in the evenings and then the building is alarmed by the caretaker so rooms must be booked in advance.) Thank you.

Events elsewhere

Christians Together in Torquay Gathering and AGM 7.30pm Wed 25 Oct

at Central Church, to share fellowship and refreshments, hear about plans for Towns 2018, an update on Torquay Community Larder, and to seek God's will for our united witness in Torquay.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for Breakfastzone and Communion Services so that we may know God is with us at the beginning of this week.
Mon	Please pray for peace in our world praying for leaders who can influence our world. Remember all refugees and all who do not have home or shelter.
Tues	Pray for the Alpha Course which began last week. Pray that folk will be open to share with each other and to listen to what Jesus is saying.
Wed	Pray for all who care for us - doctors and nurses, all in the caring zone, the fire brigade; all who keep our town clean and attractive.
Thurs	Praise God that the Gamechangers have the vision to organise Christmas Child shoeboxes again this year. Please pray that the congregation may respond again and so make Christmas a happier time than it might have been.
Fri	Pray for all who are ill, or worried, or sad. Pray for all who care for them, especially registered carers.
Sat	As we are instructed in Scripture we pray for those who rule over us. Our Queen, the royal family, Prime Minister, members of Parliament and others.
Sun	Praise God for the wonderful Ordination service last Sunday, pray for Stephen as he begins another stage in his ministerial walk. Pray for John and all the staff in their various ministries in schools, hospitals, homegroup leaders, readers in church and all who take part in services, cleaners and flower arrangers.

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