



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	All Age Service for Harvest
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	2pm Ilsham Academy Harvest Service
	7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Thurs	12.30pm Funeral of Harrison Bowers
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern with speaker David Scott

Sunday 15 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with Archdeacon Douglas Detmer</i>
2.30pm	<i>Concert - Vauxhall Male Voice Choir in aid of Rowcroft</i>
5.30	Youth led service

Collect

Creator God,
 you made the goodness of the land,
 the riches of the sea
 and the rhythm of the seasons;
 as we thank you for the harvest,
 may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Exodus 23:14-19

¹⁴ 'Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me.

¹⁵ 'Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Aviv, for in that month you came out of Egypt.

'No one is to appear before me empty-handed.

¹⁶ 'Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field.

'Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

¹⁷ 'Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign LORD.

¹⁸ 'Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast.

'The fat of my festival offerings must not be kept until morning.

¹⁹ 'Bring the best of the first fruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.

Colossians 1: 15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Thank you to all who supported the Friends' Blackberry and Apple Fayre on the 30 Sept. We had a good turn out, with lots of new attractions, as well as the return of some old favourites, and we raised just over £1100. The next event in our calendar is the very popular Friends' Christmas lunch, to be held this year on Sunday 3 Dec at the Livermead Cliff Hotel. Make a note in your diary now!

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.

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 to preschool children and a Christmas story book to our other 'church family' children. If you feel you would like to contribute please put your donation in a blue envelope in the collection (marked accordingly). The calendars cost approximately £3 and books £1. 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!



Christmas Shoeboxes The 'Gamechangers' are now collecting items to make up shoeboxes to send to children who may not otherwise have a gift this Christmas. If you are able to help, please bring in your items and put in the boxes at the back of church. A donation of £5 to cover postage would also be appreciated. The deadline is 12 November. Thank you. *Gamechangers*

'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.

Great moments in history...the Reformation. An evening to learn about how 500 years ago Martin Luther challenged the power of the Church prompting a new era in European history that still shapes the church we are today. Tuesday 31 October at 7.30pm in the Hall.

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.

Calling all females! Girls Allowed meet on Wed 18th Oct at Lincombe Manor to hear Chris Morey and to chat. Please SIGN UP on the noticeboard in the hall. £3 on the night to cover room booking costs. Bar available for refreshments. More details from Ruth 293119 or email me to book jrmp@btinternet.com

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Praise God for all we have especially food. Pray for the All Age Service for Harvest that our contributions will really help and be a comfort to the recipients. Pray for Paul Barton as he begins his placement today at the Shaldon Benefice.
Mon	Pray for the peace of the world, especially the leaders of the nations dealing with horrendous problems. Pray for all those made homeless or who are suffering as a result of the problems.
Tues	Pray for those God would wish to come to the Alpha Course, pray they may hear God's word.
Wed	Pray that our church will become more prayerful.
Thurs	Pray for all the young people in the Parish and pray for the provision of a youth worker to replace Ruth Jones. Pray she may soon find a place to work as well.
Fri	Pray for all who are sick, housebound or bereaved that they may feel God touching them to comfort and heal.
Sat	Praise God for all the men who come to the Men's Breakfast that they may meet with God at the very point of their need.
Sun	Praise for our Ministry Team who serve the Lord so faithfully and encourage the rest of us.

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.

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