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Sunday 22 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)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the hall with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
	7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Sat	9-1pm Prayer Torbay – this church and others open for a day of prayer
	5-7pm Jollyween <i>in the hall</i>

Sunday 29 October Bible Sunday

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Collect

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining,
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it:
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear,
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

(by Janet Morley)

Readings

Exodus 33: 12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.'

¹⁴ The LORD replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?'

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.'

¹⁸ Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.'

¹⁹ And the LORD said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.'

²¹ Then the LORD said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.'

Matthew 22: 15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?'

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?'

²¹ 'Caesar's,' they replied.

Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Contact List Revision Please have a look today in the Hall or back of church at the contact list – tick your entry if correct or amend if not! Thank you. (Lists will be available for the next 3 weeks and will then be reprinted.)

'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 in the Bay. Leaflets at back of church.

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.



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 Oct at 7.30pm in the Hall.**

All Souls' Remembrance Service Sunday 5 Nov at 4pm. You are most welcome to come to a special service which we are holding for those who want to remember loved ones who have died recently.

"How to read your bible" - an introductory guide Monday 6 Nov 7.30-9pm in the Hall or Wednesday 8 Nov 10.30-12pm in the Lounge.

Children's Advent Calendars and Story Book If you would like to contribute towards these which will be given to the PreSchool and church family children, please put your donation in a blue envelope in the collection (marked accordingly). The calendars cost approximately £3 and books £1. Thank you.



Christmas Shoeboxes Items are now being collected 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. Shoebox packing will take place on 12 Nov in the Hall in the afternoon. Shopping lists available today! *Gamechangers*

Fair Trade and Handmade – Wed 1st Nov, 10–3pm at 6 Wellswood Ave. Please come for coffee and buy/order Traidcraft Christmas cards, gifts etc plus some handmade items from Pauline and Merrilyn. Traidcraft only – Sun 5th Nov, after both Breakfastzone and 10.30am service. For any further information please see Judi.

New Wine and Spring Harvest 2018 Several of us have booked into week 2 of New Wine 5-11 August and there are discounted rates for early bird bookings before 3 Dec. Also both weeks of SH at Minehead 3-8th April and 8-12th April.

Expanding the AV Team We now have the opportunity to use our new projector and put hymns, songs and sermon illustrations on the large screen. We are endeavouring to find a new dedicated team (perhaps of four to six people) who would be prepared to work on a rota basis and man this for our 10:30 services; full training will be given. If you wish to enquire more about this new venture then please speak to Keith Yelland or contact him 01803 380476.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God for people's generosity. At the same time let us pray that we may all be giving as God would have us do, in terms of finance, as well as our time and our giftings.
Mon	Pray for all who are ill, bereaved, homeless, house bound or suffering.
Tues	Pray for those attending the Alpha course, that they may see Jesus.
Wed	Pray for peace in our world and for all Aid agencies trying to alleviate suffering.
Thurs	Pray for the Churches Together in the Bay and for the Street and School Pastors. Pray that God will be at work all round the Bay.
Fri	Praise God for our young people, especially for the Youth led services and for their commitment for Christmas Shoeboxes.
Sat	Pray for Jollyween a time of fun with, games, food and activities in the hall. Pray for Torbay's Day of Prayer . Pray for Steve Vans Colina as he is licensed to be a reader (full licence) at Exeter Cathedral.
Sun	Pray for John our Rector, and all on the staff team and all others who help lead our services in any way. Thank God for so many dedicated people praying that God will bless their service and enlarge their vision.

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.

Under One Roof 2 Princess Theatre, 12 November at 7.30pm for one night only!

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