



Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.

Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the hall</i>
11am	Family Communion <i>with prayers for healing</i>
During the Week	
Mon	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9-11.30am Parents and toddlers group <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark – all welcome</i>
	2.30pm Chat@St Matts <i>in the hall</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club
Sat	10am-3pm Exploring Vocation to Ministry day, St Luke's Church, B'leigh
6 May	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone with breakfast at 9.15am
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for
the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

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Readings

Acts 8: 26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

³¹ 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Mark 8: 22-26

²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spat on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, 'Do you see anything?'

²⁴ He looked up and said, 'I see people; they look like trees walking around.'

²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, 'Don't even go into the village.'

For our prayers and praise this week

Sunday	Pray for the all age Communion service with prayer for healing of body, soul and spirit. Praise God that Jesus is the great healer and pray that those who are sick in any way may feel free to seek this prayer and meet with Jesus and feel His presence flowing into them.
Mon	Pray for the Diocesan Chancellor that he may be guided in his decision for the proposed reordering. Pray that he may feel it right to grant a Faculty (planning permission).
Tues	Thank God for what the Torquay Community Larder does by helping families in need and thank God for all in our Church who help by giving.
Wed	Praise God for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings and for all God has done. Pray that we become an even greater generous church.
Thurs	Pray for the Pentecost Weekend. Pray that many people come and that there may be a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.
Fri	Praise God for all the young people in the Church and what they do, especially in the Youth-led service and for Victoria Yates our Youth and Children's Worker. Pray for School, Street and Prayer Pastors who stand in the gap for those out on the street or school gate.
Sat	Pray for all the groups that meet in the rooms of the church centre, both church and secular groups. May the presence of God be felt in us all on our journey of faith.
Sun	For your own prayers...

What's on and notices

Ben Cowdry completed the London Marathon on Sunday in 4 hours 47 mins and has raised over £5000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Many thanks for all those who have supported him. Ian & Jenny

The young people would like to say a **big thank you** to all of you who supported our cake stall last week - through your generosity we were able to raise over £280 which will go towards supporting Mugisha, our sponsored child.

Christian Aid Week Sunday 13 – Saturday 19 May We will be doing our usual house to house collections and need many helpers for this task. If you are able to help please sign the list in church or phone 297656 to speak to John or Sheila Hart.

Christian Aid Lunch Wed 16 May 12-1.30pm – come for some food and fellowship!

Men's Breakfast Saturday 12 May at 10am with speaker Rick Hillard – to book contact Charlie Allansen on 07917 005406.

Ascension Day Thursday 10 May Service of Holy Communion at 9am (no communion on Wed 9 May)

Choir and cream tea! Saturday 16 June @2.30pm, Tickets £7, further details from Anya or look out for posters around the church anyajones@yahoo.com

When the Spirit comes...

Pentecost Weekend

19 & 20 May 2018



A Saturday and Sunday at St Matthias of teaching, celebration and prayer about the person and work of the Holy Spirit led by Archdeacon Kevin Roberts and Revd Anne Roberts from 'Resource'. Workshop times are as below and 7.00pm for the evening celebration with the option of staying to watch the Royal Wedding with a shared picnic lunch. Childcare and children and young people's teaching too.

Program for Saturday			
	Adults	Young People	Children
9.30am	<i>Coffee and refreshments</i>		
Session 1 10 – 11.15	Welcoming the Holy Spirit...Who?	Watch a film, or go to Forest School activities, or young people may like to join adult seminar	
11.15	<i>Coffee and refreshments</i>		
11.30 – 14.00	Watch the Royal Wedding – bring along a packed lunch		
Session 2 14.00 – 15.00	Welcoming the Holy Spirit...What?	Teaching sessions, some with Anne Roberts	Forest School with two short teaching sessions included
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Tea and squash</i>		
Session 3 15.30 – 17.00	Welcoming the Holy Spirit...How?	Teaching session	
17.00 – 19.00 <i>Home for supper</i>			
19.00 Celebration Service in Church (children welcome)			

How do I book my place?

There is no charge for attending any of the weekend sessions, though we will be asking for contributions towards the costs. However we do need to know how many people will be coming! *We especially need to know **how many children** will take up the offer of activities in the Pine Room and Forest school.* **Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Church Family noticeboard in the Larkin Hall.**