



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)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting
During the Week	
Mon	12.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	10am Warberry Academy Leavers Service
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	11am Pre-School End of Term Service
	1.30pm Ilsham Academy Leavers Service
Sat	1.30pm Wedding of Sarah and Craig
29 July	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Alpha

The Alpha course will be running again this autumn from Sept either on a Tues or Thurs eve. For more info please see one of the Clergy or Readers or contact the office.



Readings

Ephesians 2: 11-end

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called 'uncircumcised' by those who call themselves 'the circumcision' (which is done in the body by human hands) – ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Mark 5: 1-20

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!' ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, 'Come out of this man, you impure spirit!' ⁹ Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'

'My name is Legion,' he replied, 'for we are many.' ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. ¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, 'Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.' ¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had

happened. ¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. ¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, ‘Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.’ ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for today’s preachers and thank God for them. May the numerical growth at St Matts be matched by our spiritual growth.
Mon	Thank God for the ‘go ahead’ for our re-ordering and pray for great wisdom and sensitivity in proceeding.
Tues	Warberry Academy have their Leavers Service today and Ilsham and Pre-School tomorrow. Pray for all the children involved.
Wed	Pray for Jackie Searle, the new Bishop of Crediton. Also for Capt Ade (CA) working in Ellacombe and our own clergy.
Thurs	Pray for the leaders of the nations dealing with the huge issues confronting them: starvation, refugees, climate change, Brexit etc.
Fri	For the lonely and bereaved in our parish and all those who are unwell. Pray too for those visiting them.
Sat	‘Elevate’ holiday week for young people including several from St Matts, starts on Monday - pray for them. Pray for Sarah and Craig getting married here today.
Sun	Pray not only for our own services today (including Prayers for Healing) but also for those in our sister churches in Torbay.

What’s on and notices



Good News! As you may have heard last week in church, at long last we’ve heard that the Chancellor has approved our plans for re-ordering. We’re still some way off making concrete changes – the next stage is for the architect to draw up plans to go out to tender. Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue praying as we proceed.

St. Matthias Pre-School & Childcare Centre – A BIBLE FOR A CHILD We are presenting a children’s Bible to each of our 27 children leaving at the end of July to go to main school. The cost is £9 per bible and if you would like to contribute please put your donation in a blue envelope, write ‘BIBLES’ on the outside and put it



in the collection – please gift aid where possible. Please offer a prayer for the recipient as you give your gift. Thank you so much.

It is with sadness that we report that Barbara Vince has died. Details of her funeral will follow. We think of her family and friends at this time.

Do you shop at Waitrose? Pre-School are one of the chosen charities for the month of July so please put your green token in the pot for them!

Thank you to everyone who came to support the St Matts Cats concert recently. We raised £900 towards the church refurbishment. Well done!

Torquay Community Larder donations requested - we particularly need cereal, long life milk, tinned veg, tinned fruit, instant coffee – thank you.



We're spring cleaning the Centre during the summer holidays while it is a bit quieter to get it ready for when everything begins again in September. Would you like to help?

The date for your diary is Friday 10 August from 9am – 1pm and we need a team of about 6 – it will mostly be light work including dusting, vacuuming, wiping down skirting boards but also some sweeping and carpet cleaning. Men and women welcome! All cleaning materials provided although we may need to borrow some feather dusters! Tea, coffee, cakes and music provided too! If you want to join the team please see Pere in the office. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

- **18 Aug** Messy Church/Breakfastzone/Open House picnic and games at Cockington Court from 11am to 2pm. Bring own rug/chair, picnic, football etc. Games parachute provided. If it rains we'll be inside the café!
- **Sunday 2 Sept @ 5.30pm** 'Helping to create dementia friendly communities'. A talk from 'Dementia Friends' champion Maureen Chivers.

Contacting the Church

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Lots of forms still outstanding! Without this consent we won't be able to contact you! Fill in one today please!

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