



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	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion
During the Week	
Mon	12.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Friday	<i>Spring Cleaning the Centre 9 - 1</i>
12 August (reading from Ephesians 4:25-5:2)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Church Family Service
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
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.

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Readings

Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.' ⁹(What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

John 17:20-26

²⁰'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for our new Bishop of Crediton as she settles into her new ministry in the Diocese, with her pray for our Bishops and Archdeacons
Mon	Pray for our world with so much human violence, homelessness and injustice. Pray that leaders of the nations may have honesty & compassion.
Tues	May we all remember our Lord's Commission to make disciples. Let us all pray for and befriend our neighbours and other contacts.
Wed	Pray for all who are unwell, in hospital, or bereaved. Pray for all doctors, nurses or other medical specialists, that they may have wisdom and knowledge
Thurs	Pray for all who influence or care for us all - the police, medics, chaplains, teachers (now on holiday), operatives and many others
Fri	Remember with thanksgiving and pray for our Church Staff and all who minister in any way. May we all see Jesus in and through them
Sat	Pray for our Prime Minister, members of State, members of Parliament, local Councillors. Pray that as many of them are on holiday, that they may have refreshment and peace
Sun	Pray for Breakfastzone and the two Communion services. May we all be fed spiritually and consequently grow in faith

What's on and notices

- **18 Aug Picnic & Games** for Messy Church/Breakfastzone/Open House at Cockington Court from 11am to 2pm. Bring a rug/chair, picnic, football etc or just come for coffee. 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.
- Christian songwriter and musician **Michael Card** is in concert at Christ Church Paignton on **Friday 14th September 7.30pm**. His style is quite gentle and would appeal to all age groups. Tickets £12.50 in advance, £15.00 on the door
Contact: johnpout@icloud.com

We're spring cleaning the Centre Friday 10th August. Can you help?
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! Cleaning materials, tea, coffee, cakes and music provided too! Please ring Pere in the office. Thank you.

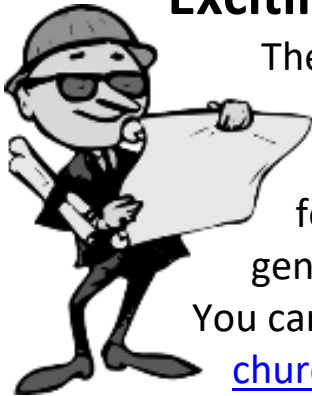
- **Torquay Community Larder** thank you for your donations - we particularly need cereal, long life milk, tinned veg, tinned fruit, instant coffee – thank you.



St Matt's Cats Gospel Choir – if you missed the concert by the 'Cats' in June then you can see the best bits here! Follow the link to a You Tube video (approx. 10 minutes long) and sit back and enjoy!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=r5gQbu1KomM>

Exciting News! Re-ordering gets the Green Light!



The Chancellor's very supportive judgement confirms our understanding of God's plans for us to re-order the church to enable growth to continue, and to make it a welcoming place for worship (and community use) now and for the next generation. Here are some summary paragraphs from his Judgment. You can find the whole document on the web: www.st-matthias-church.org/about-us/reordering-project/

or there are paper copies at the back of church

- (58) *Standing back and looking at the proposals for this church as a whole, they are, in my view, to be seen as a sensitively and carefully considered response to the rapidly developing needs of the widened worshipping community that are now drawn to St Matthias Church. The overall concept that has been developed by the incumbent, his advisers and the parish is both impressive and makes sense in the context of a church which has a modern outlook on worship but which also has the blessing of a large church building...*
- (59) *A tipping point has been reached in the life of this parish and this church. I accept the argument of the Petitioners that, unless a radical change is made now to liberate the interior of the church building so that it can be used in the variety of ways which are proposed, there is a significant risk that the newly gathered congregation will out-grow the church hall and seek somewhere altogether different for its worship.*
- (60) *The proposed changes have been well thought through and have resulted in plans for a modern and flexible interior which, despite the loss of the pews, remains in all other respects sensitive to the Victorian features of the church building.*

Putting these plans into reality is still going to take a while as detailed drawings are made and the work goes out to tender (and we'll need more money!). It will inevitably mean changes for us which some people will find harder than others, so please keep praying for our unity as a church family and for those leading the project. Thank you.

P.S If you generously pledged money last year, you should soon be getting a note from the Treasurer with some guidance on what to do now. Thank you.