



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	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Church Family Service
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion (CW)

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 church</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	<i>Main car park closed for maintenance work</i>
Sat	<i>11-2pm Picnic at Cockington Court</i>

19 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking
your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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 4:25-5:2

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ 'In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Matthew 12: 33-37

³³ 'Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognised by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. ³⁶ But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.'

<i>For our prayers and praise this week</i>	
Sun	Pray for all who are taking any part in our services today. May we all worship in Spirit and in Truth.
Mon	Pray for those at New Wine that what they have learned may rub off on the rest of our fellowship.
Tues	Praise God again for the Chancellor's decision. Now we pray for the Architect as he draws accurate plans and sends out for tender - may the right person be chosen.
Wed	Pray for Tony Barratt as he helps the congregation in their attitude to giving. May we all be honest before God in our giving to the Reordering
Thurs	Pray for all who are suffering right now - the sick at home or in hospital, the housebound, the recently bereaved. For families under pressure in relationships. Also for those in Care/Nursing Homes.

Fri	For all who suffer through natural and man made disasters. Pray for all who are searching for peace and order out of chaos.
Sat	Pray for all members of Messy Church, Breakfastzone, Prayzone who will all be enjoying a picnic at Cockington Court from 11am - 2pm. Pray that they have fun and are joined closer together.
Sun	We praise God for our staff team and all who help in church in any way. Pray for John Beckett as he leads the team and congregation on their spiritual journey.

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!
- 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
- Advance Notice: A date for your diary – a church outing to **Cardiff** is being planned for **Sat 24 November**. Further details to follow.
- **Torquay Community Larder** thank you for your donations - we particularly need cereal, long life milk, tinned veg, tinned fruit, instant coffee – thank you.
- **St Matthias Canning Town** Around 1880 St Matthias Torquay resourced a mission to Canning Town London and planted a church there also called St Matthias. This younger St Matthias is keen to discover more about how this came about. Is there anyone who perhaps has an interest in local history who would like to look into this? We suspect that we don't have anything in the archives here so it would involve researching further afield. If you are interested please speak to John or Pere.
- **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!



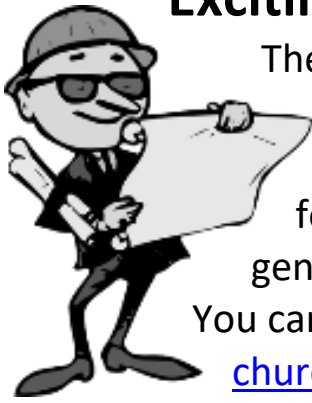
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=r5gQbu1KomM>



Sunday 2 September @ 5.30-6.30pm

'Helping to Create Dementia Friendly Communities' Come along to hear Maureen Chivers talk about how dementia can affect a person and what you can do to make a difference in your family and day to day acquaintances, and in the church family.

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.

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