

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	Growzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the Hall</i>
11am	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>
26 August (Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Church Family Prayer Meeting – all welcome



Collect

God of constant mercy,
 who sent your Son to save us:
 remind us of your goodness,
 increase your grace within us,
 that our thankfulness may grow,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alpha

The Alpha course will be running again this autumn from Tues 25 Sept. For more info please see one of the Clergy or Readers or contact the office.

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.

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ,
that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,
for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit

give praise and dominion, honour and might, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(from Ephesians 1)

Readings

Ephesians 5:14b-21

‘Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

John 6:51-58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.’

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’

⁵³ Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.’

For our prayers and praise this week

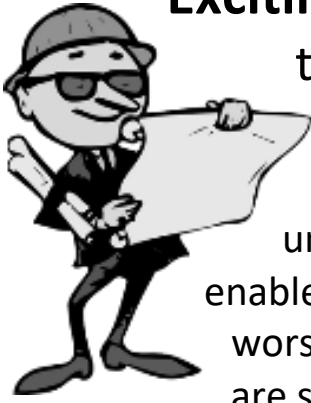
Sun	Praise God for all who went to New Wine and pray we may all share some of what they learnt. Pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.
Mon	Pray for all who are ill in hospital or at home, all waiting appointments, the house bound, bereaved and worried. May Jesus meet with them.
Tues	Pray for St. Matthias in Canning Town and if any useful information is found it may be used to God's glory.
Wed	Pray for the peace of the world when there is so much violence, hatred, violence and confusion.
Thurs	Pray for the Churches Together in Torbay. Pray that there might be more working together and a united witness in the Bay.
Fri	Pray about the finances for the Church and also for the Reordering. May we all be faithful in our giving. May we give to Torquay Community Larder.
Sat	Pray for the preparation for the meeting next week "Helping to Create Dementia Friendly Communities" and Maureen Chivers the speaker.
Sun	Pray for today's services and all who take any part. With them pray for all members of staff in all they do to grow our church and witness.

What's on and notices

- 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.
- **Room bookings** – we are very happy for the church family to use rooms in the centre for church meetings etc - *please* book in advance with Pere ☺ in the office so that the calendar can be kept up to date and so that cleaning and the alarming of the building can be properly scheduled in.

2 fun filled family days coming up!
Picnics, games, crafts...
Ellacombe Beach Day! Beacon Cove 11-2pm Wed 22 August
Fun at Brewery Park Sat 1st Sept 11-2pm
For more info see posters or contact Captain Ade on 07930 909941

Good news: we are now able to welcome children to the Lord's Table at St Matthias'... but only after a short 'training session' for children and parents. If you missed the session we ran in June we are holding a second one on Sunday 9 Sept at 3.30pm. Please let Victoria Yates or one of the clergy know if you would like to come or to find out more: stmattscandy@gmail.com



Exciting News! Re-ordering gets the Green Light from the Chancellor *and now this week from Torbay Council for the outside work too!*

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. *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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