

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 <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30-6.30pm	Talk: 'Helping to create dementia friendly communities' <i>in the Hall</i>



During the Week

Mon	12.30pm Matt's 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>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>in the church</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30pm Chat@St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast <i>at Kent's Café – speaker Robert Partridge</i>

9 September (Readings: Mark 6: 41-44)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Church Family Service
3.30pm	Children's Communion – training session
5.30pm	Evening Communion Service



Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
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.

Readings

2 Corinthians 1: 1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia:
² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Praise be
to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God
of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in
any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share
abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If
we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for
your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we
suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our
sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Luke 10: 25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked,
'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
²⁶ 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?'
²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as
yourself."' ²⁸ 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.'
²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'
³⁰ In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was
attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away,
leaving him half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and
when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he
came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he
travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He
went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the
man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day
he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said,
"and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."
³⁶ 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the
hands of robbers?' ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'
Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

"Paraclesis" - What's that?! It's the Greek New Testament word for
'**coming alongside**'. It's used to describe the way we offer comfort and love
and help to one another in the church, following the example of the Holy
Spirit, or '*paraclete*' who comes alongside us and is the basis for our
teaching this month.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for today's services and all who lead them, especially Breakfastzone. Pray too for the meeting at 5.30pm when Maureen Chivers will speak about Dementia. Pray for anyone you know who has dementia.
Mon	Pray for those thinking about joining the Alpha course beginning on 25th.
Tues	Pray for the sick and all in trouble, and for those staff members and others who visit them to pray and encourage.
Wed	Pray for all the different people who use our church during the week, that they may feel the presence of God in our building.
Thurs	Praise God for John our Rector and all the staff who minister so faithfully. Pray that we as a congregation may respond to any challenges given.
Fri	Pray for the preparations being made for the Blackberry and Apple Fayre on 15 Sept. Pray for a real feeling of working and sharing together.
Sat	For the Men's Breakfast and the speaker. Thank God for Charlie Allansen's planning and leadership. Praise the Lord we get so many attending.
Sun	Praise God that we have freedom to worship and can meet in the Lord's name whenever we want to.

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1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

What's on and notices

- Christian songwriter and musician **Michael Card** - in concert at Christ Church Paignton on **Friday 14th September** 7.30pm.
- *Friends will be holding their annual **Blackberry & Apple Fayre** on **Saturday 15th September** 10.30am- 2.30pm and would like all who can*



to come along and support this. They would be grateful for any donated goods. Please see leaflets at back of Church for details and for the Fun Photo Competition.

- **Girls Allowed** meet on Monday **24th September** in the hall from 7.30 to 9.30pm for chat & crafts. £3 donation on the night. Sign up sheet in hall or email Ruth at jrmp@btinternet.com. On October 10th we plan an evening trip to a Care for the Family women's event "Free to be" at Hope Church in Plymouth. Probable cost £5. We will carshare or get a minibus. Sign up ESSENTIAL by 24th September please. More info 293119.
- **Harvest Lunch at 1pm on Sunday 14 October** – further details to follow.
- **Sat 24 November.** Church outing to Cardiff by coach 8.30am to 8.30pm approx. Marilyn Smee, Diane Francis or Alan Taylor will be available to take names from Sunday 16 Sept at 10.30 in the Hall. Cost £18 adults, £9 children.
- **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.
- **There's more garden!** You may have noticed that the overgrown trees and shrubs have been cut back in the church garden by the car park. There's more work to be done to make the most of this space, to replant and to make a prayer garden. If you'd like to help with this project please contact John Beckett or Paul Stannard.
- **Friends of St Matthias – Dream Auction VI** – The Friends cordially invite you to a Prosecco and canapes Reception at the The Imperial Hotel from 6.30pm on Sat 6 Oct followed by the auction itself with 100 Lots on offer. Further details to follow.



Re-ordering – The Story So Far

We're planning two opportunities to hear and ask questions about the background to the re-ordering project and how we got to where we are now on **23 Sept @ 3.30pm** and repeated on **30 Sept @ 6.30pm**.

Re-ordering - Next Steps

Now that we have the green light from the Chancellor (and from Torbay Council for the outside work), the Architect has begun more detailed work to be able to invite tenders for the project. In the meantime, we want to send off applications to grant making trusts and to prepare for a fresh appeal for the remaining £250,000 we are still likely to need (in addition to the fantastic £230,000 already given or pledged). If you have experience in this type of work, we'd love to hear from you.

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