



## 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	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12.30 Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats
Fri	6.30-8pm TGIF
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Riviera Centre
Sunday 13 January	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Baptism of Alastair Barr
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Church Family Lunch</b>
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion

### Collect

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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## Readings

### Isaiah 60: 1-9

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon  
you.

<sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the LORD rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your  
dawn.

<sup>4</sup> ‘Lift up your eyes and look about you:  
all assemble and come to you;  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters are carried on the  
hip.

<sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant,  
your heart will throb and swell with joy;  
the wealth on the seas will be brought  
to you,  
to you the riches of the nations will  
come.

<sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land,  
young camels of Midian and Ephah.

And all from Sheba will come,  
bearing gold and incense  
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> All Kedar’s flocks will be gathered to  
you,  
the rams of Nebaioth will serve you;  
they will be accepted as offerings on  
my altar,

and I will adorn my glorious temple.

<sup>8</sup> ‘Who are these that fly along like  
clouds,  
like doves to their nests?

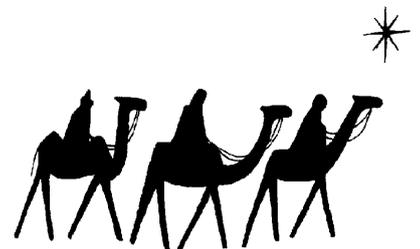
<sup>9</sup> Surely the islands look to me;  
in the lead are the ships of Tarshish,  
bringing your children from afar,  
with their silver and gold,  
to the honour of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has endowed you with  
splendour.

### Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,  
Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been  
born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When  
he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked  
them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for  
this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”’



<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' <sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	Praise God for all the times we had to share His love over Christmas in the various services and activities. Pray for all who came who rarely do.
Mon	Praise God for all the Staff Team and others who ministered to us so unstintingly. Pray that they may have some rest to recover their strength.
Tues	As we have probably eaten too much, may it inspire us to pray for those who don't have so much and let us pray and give even more to the Torquay Community Larder and pray for their work.
Wed	Thank God for the Friends of St. Matthias and all they do for the Church and what they have given for the Reordering. Pray that their visit to the theatre may be a fun time.
Thurs	Pray for all who are ill at home or in hospital, all housebound, all waiting for health test results - that all these may know the love and peace of God.
Fri	Thank God for all who gave so generously, over and above their regular giving, to the very good work of Christian Aid.
Sat	Pray for all the intricate planning for the Wellspring Project. Pray for the required funds to come forward.
Sun	Remember before God all connected to the Church but serving God in another Ministry eg Nicci Maxwell our CMS Missionary Link Partner and Cecil Johnston serving God in Uganda, Archbishop Josiah working out of Lambeth and others.

## ***What's on and news***

**Bible Notes** As I have had to pay for the Bible notes by January, I would be grateful for any money owing. If you wish to write a cheque, please make it payable to Mrs S E Young. To the person who asked over Christmas if they were too late to order, would you speak to me as I have forgotten who you were and which notes you wanted, sorry. 01803 614658. Thank you Suzy Young

**Friends of St Matthias** We still have tickets available for *Nobody's Perfect*, a comedy, at the Little Theatre Torquay. Join us on Sat 12 Jan for an evening that promises to be great entertainment. Tickets £10 (£9 for members). We are also taking bookings for our ever popular evening meal at Amici Restaurant in Torwood Street on Wed 6 Feb. This year is our fifth visit, and if you've been before you'll know that Mauro and his staff always provide a friendly benvenuto and an excellent Italian menu, for a very reasonable charge. **So make your booking and choose your menu now. If you've not been before, then you'll be particularly welcome.**

**IMPORTANT MENS BREAKFAST INFO:** if you wish to continue to receive reminders please email **Charlie before the end of January**. The next breakfast is on 12 Jan at the Riviera Centre and the speaker is Mike Higgins. Places need to be booked in advance. We look forward to seeing you there. Email: [c.allansen@btinternet.com](mailto:c.allansen@btinternet.com)

**Church Family Lunch Sunday 13 January** Come along to the Soup and Pud family lunch – tickets will be available at coffee time today 6 January.

**TOWNS night shelter** meeting **Sunday 13th January** after our 11am service in the Lounge – aiming for 12ish to fit in with the family lunch. Please could all volunteers, or anyone else who is interested in helping, attend so we can work out rotas etc. We also have to redo the volunteer sign up forms (data protection) but our new ones will last 3yrs. We don't expect the meeting to go on too long so hope to see you all on the 13th. Night shelter dates are: 10,17,24 Feb, 3,10 Mar. Thanks. Avril & Malcolm.

**Christian Aid collection** Thank you for your generous gifts in the Christmas services. We collected the magnificent sum of £1,768.60, which will be match-funded: every £1 will be worth £5 for life-changing work in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Honduras and Malawi.

**Messy Church...** come and join in the fun on Tuesday 15 January from 3.15pm.

**Part time cleaner** required for the Pre-School 3.30-4.30pm Monday to Friday in term time. Please contact Liz for more information on 07812 941029 or Pere in the office.

**Minibus drivers** Would anyone like to help to provide lifts to church on Sunday mornings on a rota basis? You would need to be aged 30 to 75 and have a category D1 on your driving licence. For more information please see Andrew Stilliard or email [acstilliard@gmail.com](mailto:acstilliard@gmail.com).

**Wellspring Project – update:** We had been hoping that the tender documents would have been going out to building companies at the start of the year but this has been delayed by a couple of weeks. So now we hope to review tenders and be in a position to decide when we can start work and on what aspect of the project around the end of February. Please keep praying about this.