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## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am in the Pine Room.*

Today		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Pine Room</b>
9.30am	Breakfastzone	<b>Hall</b>
10.30am	Coffee	<b>Pine Room</b>
11am	Holy Communion	<b>Hall</b>
During the Week		
Tues	9am Morning Prayer	
	12.30pm Matts Knits	<i>Lounge</i>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
	10am-12pm Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	<i>Lounge</i>
Sunday 11 August		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Pine Room</b>
10.30am	Coffee	<b>Pine Room</b>
11am	United Family Service	<b>Hall</b>
12.15pm	Baptism of Abigail, Daniel and Sam at Meadfoot Beach - meet at small car park at 12.15 followed by a picnic on Ilsham Green – all welcome	

### Collect

O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. May we so abide in you, and you in us, that our lives may resonate with you, now and for ever, Amen

*Janet Morley, adapted*

### Thanks go to...

Pre-School staff and  
Management  
Committee 😊

## Readings

### Isaiah 5: 1-7

I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
my loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest  
vines.

He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good  
grapes,

but it yielded only bad fruit.

<sup>3</sup> 'Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and  
people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for  
my vineyard

than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?

<sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you

what I am going to do to my  
vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briers and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it.'

<sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw  
bloodshed;

for righteousness, but heard cries of  
distress.

### John 15: 1-17

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's

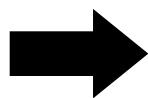
friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: love each other.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Praise God for John and Ruth's return from Sabbatical and pray that we may all be supportive wherever we can.
Mon	Pray for the workmen on the Reordering team. May they realise that they are working on Holy Ground and are doing so to enhance God's House of prayer.
Tues	Pray for Her Majesty our Queen, head of our Church and State. Pray for our Government, and for our Church - our Bishops, Archdeacons, and clergy.
Wed	Pray for all who are ill or suffering that they may know God loves and cares and wants them to be whole.
Thurs	Pray for the peace of our world, for the leaders of the nations. Pray especially for those countries where there is suffering and prejudice.
Fri	Pray for all young people going to camps and house parties run by churches and other organisations, including Scripture Union, CPAS etc.
Sat	Thank God for the fair weather we have, so now pray for our farmers that they may do well as they come towards harvest.
Sun	Pray for today's services and all who assist in the leadership. May all know Jesus with them.

## What's on and News

**John and Ruth** return from their sabbatical today, and we welcome them back. It's good to hear they've had a refreshing time.

**Remember** to look at the church family notice board in the Hall – details of events, sponsorship requests etc 😊



**Entrance and car parking** – for the next couple of weeks entry to the building is through the north porch and through the church into the centre. The door code remains the same.



The main car park is for **disabled use only** on a Sunday. There will a team of welcomers to help you to get into the building if required. (Limited space available during the week.) Please can we ask folk *not* to park in the minibus space (hashed yellow lines). Thank you.

**Torquay Community Larder** ... we are still collecting donations of food for the Larder – there is a basket in the linkway under the table. Thank you.



**Coffee Morning...** During the re-ordering there will be an 'open church' coffee morning each Wednesday in the Lounge from 10-12. All welcome.

**Chat @ St Matts** ...is having a summer break. Come and join us in September when we start again 😊 (5 September at 2.30pm in the Hall)

**Thank you...** to Diane Bosley who has hung up her 'pen and paper' after many years helping out in the office. My thanks go to her for all her help and support. We're glad she's continuing to help out with other duties, welcoming at services etc.

**Philip Yancey** (Christian author of books including 'What's so Amazing about Grace') will be on tour and visiting Upton Vale on Saturday 28 September at 7pm – tickets £7 from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Wellspring Update

The Wellspring Project continues to go well. The font has been moved and the new oak door frames have begun to be put in. Please pray for ongoing good progress. **Fundraising continues** as we endeavour to reach our target and we have been successful in obtaining another grant. If you still wish to donate, please speak to Alan Poole or any of the ministry team. Please pray that our remaining grant applications will be successful too.



**Giving to support the church:** We encourage people to give via the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS) from their bank accounts. That's why the collection plate often goes around empty! So, if you are new to St Matthias, please do not feel you need to put any cash into the collection plate but do ask one of the Welcomers or the Treasurer for more information about the PGS. Thank you.

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