



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.*

Sunday 29 September

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine Room
11am	Family Communion with prayers for healing	Hall

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer	
	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers	Lounge
	12.30pm Matts Knits	Lounge
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Lounge
	10am-12pm Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	Lounge
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats	Pine Room
Thurs	<i>Chat @ St Matts – postponed</i>	
	3.30pm Memorial Service for Andrea Perry	Hall
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	
Sat	7.30pm Open Mic Evening	Hall

Sunday 6 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Breakfastzone	Hall
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine Room
11am	Holy Communion	Hall

Thanks go to...those who will be leading Alpha both locally and nationally ☺

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth, that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Romans 8: 18-25

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

John 11: 1-44

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.'

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.'

⁸ 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?'

⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.'

¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.'

¹² His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'

²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

²⁴ Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'

²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?' ²⁷ 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.'

²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

³⁹ 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for our services today, especially the Family Communion with prayers for healing. Pray that folk will not be afraid to ask for prayer for themselves and others and that they may come expectantly, and see God answer in unexpected ways.
Mon	ALPHA begins on Mon 7 Oct. Pray who you might invite and that many will want to learn more or refresh their knowledge of basic Christianity.
Tues	Wellspring is still going ahead well, step laying, floor sanding etc and in many places we cannot see. Pray for the constructors' safety and joy at seeing beauty being produced.

Wed	Bishop Jackie is coming to lead a Confirmation Service in March 2020. Pray that the right people will want to publicly confirm their faith in Jesus.
Thurs	Neighbours Pray that we may all be more aware of our neighbours and pray for them and any needs they may have.
Fri	Pray for the sick, the recently bereaved, the lonely, the worried. May God meet them in all their needs.
Sat	Open Mic Evening Pray that this will be a happy time drawing in Church family members to get to know each other better. Pray for those sharing their talents.
Sun	Staff Team Remember before God each member of the Staff team, that they may be drawn closer to Him and be strengthened in all they do.

What's on and News

Sad news We are very sad to say that Andrea Perry has died. Her memorial service will be held on Thursday 3 October at 3.30pm here at St Matthias Church. It was Andrea's wish that you wear something pink. There will be refreshments after the service to which all are welcome. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

Date for your diary... The Night Shelter will be running at St Matthias again next year beginning on 9 February 2020.

OPEN MIC EVENING

Saturday 5th October

One Night Only

 From 7.30pm in the Hall. A great evening for all. Music, humour and dance provided by local talent, including hot dogs and a bar. This is a unique opportunity; please book now to help us with catering arrangements. Tickets just £10 (£9 for members of the Friends). All proceeds will go to support the Wellswood Project.

Confirmed? Bishop Jackie is coming here for a confirmation service in March 2020. If you've not been confirmed but would like to find out more, please speak to one of the clergy and also join one of the Alpha courses which we're running.

Torbay Churches and 'Through Faith Missions' are holding a Torbay wide faith mission in 2021. If you want to be part of this exciting venture, there will be a training day at St Matthias on 15 February. We're holding an info eve on 15 October at St Matthias Church at 7.30pm in the Hall.



Alpha – come along and try it! It's a great refresher of the basics, and a great introduction to the Christian faith. Our next course begins on Monday 7 October and will be run weekly over about 10 or so sessions. Each session begins at 9.15am and we're planning to arrange childcare. (There will be an evening course beginning in January.) If you or someone you know is interested, please let the clergy or office know.