



Welcome

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

Sunday 12 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Hall
11am	United Family Service	Church
12 ish	Night Shelter meeting	Lounge

During the Week

Mon-Fri	10am – 12.30pm Church open for visitors	Church
Tues	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers	Lounge
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Church
Thurs	2.30pm Memorial Service for John Collison <i>followed by refreshments</i>	Church
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club	Hall

Sunday 19 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Growzone	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Hall
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Church
5.30pm	'Route 66' youth-led service	Church

Thanks go to...the
church flower
arrangers



Collect

Heavenly Father at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Readings

Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 3: 13-end

³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

¹⁵ Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

For our prayers and praise over Christmas

Sun	Praise God for this Holy Day when we can draw aside and worship together as our holy God's family.
Mon	Praise the Lord for everybody's generosity over the Christmas period, and pray for the two charities which will be sharing the money ('Compassion UK and Christians against Poverty).
Tues	Remember all who are unwell or finding life difficult for one reason or another.
Wed	Pray for peace in our world and for those trying to make peace.
Thurs	Pray for those who keep the church open, and pray folk will find faith as they look around. Pray the church will be more than a museum.

Fri	Pray for our Church leaders, for the Archbishops, Diocesan Bishops and our own Rector and staff and all in between. Pray especially for Stephen and Victoria who will be leaving us this year.
Sat	After the recent great celebration weekend let us pray for our community and that the church will be faithful in its witness.
Sun	Pray that we may <i>enjoy our worship and bring glory to God</i> . Pray that our worship never becomes glib.

What's on and News

Christmas Charity Collections Thank you for your generous contributions to our Christmas collections. You raised £2050 😊 They are to be shared between 'Compassion UK' to buy solar lamps for poor communities in Togo, and 'CAP (Christians against Poverty)' – an agency offering practical help and support with managing money, budgeting, saving etc.

Pigeon holes – please collect any Christmas cards and presents etc from your pigeon holes (located at the back of church).

Keeping the church open for visitors – our team of volunteers are back and welcoming visitors to our wonderful new space and church café. The church is open every weekday from 10-12.30pm. If you would like to join our current team in this wonderful ministry so that we can extend the hours please speak to Pere in the office.



A date for your diaries. The Friends of St Matthias are starting their 2020 programme of social and fund-raising events with the traditional New Year meal at Amici Italian Restaurant, Torwood Street on Wednesday 5th February. Bookings are now being taken!

Night Shelter The Night Shelter will be running at St Matthias again this year beginning on 9 February 2020. There will be a **meeting on Sunday 12 January** with Malcolm Ford after the service (approx. 12pm) in the Lounge for any volunteers or anyone wanting to help.

Alpha

Start date: 22 January @ 7.30pm

Venue: Me and Mrs Jones (Ilsham Road)

Pick up a leaflet today or speak with one of the team.



Confirmed? Bishop Jackie is coming here for a confirmation service on 1 March 2020. If you've not been confirmed but would like to find out more, please speak to one of the clergy and also enquire about joining the Alpha course which begins on 22 January.

Sunday 8 March This will be the final Sunday for the Yates family before they move on to Brixham. There will be a church family lunch that day to say farewell. To give to a collection for them please contact the office.

Cecil Johnston has arrived safely in Uganda and is visiting our CMS mission partner Nicci Maxwell this weekend. He is giving her 25 donated tins of baby milk powder, and 35 matinee jackets, made by Matts Knits. Many thanks to all the knitters!



Messy Church Tuesday 21 January from 3.15pm for fun, crafts, a bible story and supper! Come along – you will be very welcome.

Saturday 15 February – date for the diary - Through Faith Missions Training Course – here at St Matthias from 9-5pm – to book please email missiontorbay@gmail.com. Tea, coffee, biscuits provided – please bring your own lunch.

Funerals The funeral of Derek Brooking will be on 15 January at 11.15am at Drakes Chapel. The memorial service for John Collison will be on 16 January at 2.30pm at St Matthias Church. The funeral for Peter Philbin will be on 21 January at 11.30am at St Matthias Church. Please pray for their families and friends at this sad time.

Wellspring Update – a fairly long list of ‘snagging’ items is being worked on by the builders including some significant items – sound, heating and the main doors. Please bear with us...thank you.

Contacting the Church

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Children & Youth Worker: currently vacant

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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.