



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 19 January

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

During the Week

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| Mon-Fri | 10am – 12.30pm Church open for visitors | <i>Church</i> |
| Tues | 9am Open House Parents and Toddlers | <i>Lounge</i> |
| | 11.30am Funeral of Peter Philbin | <i>Church</i> |
| | 12-1.30pm Matt's Knits | <i>Lounge</i> |
| | 3.15pm Messy Church | |
| Wed | 9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> | <i>Church</i> |
| | 7.30pm Alpha begins <i>at Me and Mrs Jones</i> | |
| | 7.30pm Matt's Cats | <i>Church</i> |
| Fri | 6.30pm Youth Club | <i>Hall</i> |

Sunday 26 January

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| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) | <i>Church</i> |
| 9.30am | Prayzone | <i>Church</i> |
| 10.30am | Coffee | <i>Hall</i> |
| 11am | Morning Worship | <i>Church</i> |
| 5.30pm | Prayer Meeting | <i>Church</i> |

Thanks go to...
those ministering to
the bereaved ☺

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1: 29-42

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’

³² Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.’

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’

They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘where are you staying?’

³⁹ ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated, is Peter).

For our prayers and praise over Christmas

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| Sun | Praise the Lord for all Victoria Yates has done in her work with the young people. Pray the PCC will have the wisdom to find the right person to replace her. |
| Mon | Pray for leaders and members of the Alpha Course . Pray for courage and honesty in voicing their questions, doubts and perhaps fears of the Christian faith. |
| Tues | Pray for a quick and thorough ending of the Wellspring Project , and a completion of small things needing adjustment. |
| Wed | Pray for all who are ill, those in pain, those with relationship problems. May they find God's healing. May our Church be known as a place of healing of body, soul and spirit and a place where there is trust of confidentiality. |
| Thurs | Bring before God all areas of our world where there are tensions and natural disasters and political problems. Pray especially for hard rain in Australia. |
| Fri | Praise God and pray for those who work hard to serve us. Those in the NHS, teachers, emergency workers, council workers, carers and others. |
| Sat | Pray for all the Staff Team as they minister leadership and pastoral care. |
| Sun | Pray that we may all take in what God has given the leaders to speak. Thank God for their faithful ministry to us and for the Lord. |

What's on and News

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

Christmas Cards! – 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.

Night Shelter The Night Shelter will be running at St Matthias again this year beginning on 9 February 2020. Please see Malcolm Ford if you would like to help.



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!

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. 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 Jan.

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 – a 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.

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.

Girls Allowed 25 Feb pudding evening for Shrove Tuesday. In the hall/church.

Contacting the Church

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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.