



Welcome!

1 June 2025

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The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

Sun 1 June <i>John's last Sunday at St Matthias</i>	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together with breakfast
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee & farewell lunch https://youtube.com/live/CbWanrCMBiA?feature=share
Mon 2 June	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 3 June	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 4 June	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome
Fri 6 June	9-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 8 June PENTECOST <i>with baptism</i>	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee
	Exeter Cathedral - 6pm Thy Kingdom Come service

LUNCH TODAY! Sorry, now fully booked but there is a Waiting List

If you are no longer able to attend the lunch on Sunday please can you speak to Sylvia as soon as possible (07812 941029) as we have a waiting list. Thank you!

Thanks go to:



John!

For Morning Prayer online,

we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link

<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Collect: Risen Christ,

you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

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Readings

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!' At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.'

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

³¹ They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.

John 17:20-26

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity.

Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.'²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

Dates for the diary

Thy Kingdom Come, 8th June 6pm, Exeter Cathedral – Service of Prayer and Praise, marking the end of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' 10 days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This year's main speaker is Krish Kandiah, (from the charity, Home For Good). Last year a group from St Matthias went and had a great time. If you're planning to go, you'll need to book a free ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-pentecost-event-tickets-1225045938379>

Please contact Claire or warden Clare or Cheryl if you need a lift, or can offer one.



Charity Fundraiser for the Ladies Lounge at Upton Vale **14th June** 10am - 4pm at 1 Thornclyff Close, Torquay, TQ1 2QW. Coffee, cake, plants, books and locally crafted gifts.

Sunday lunch at the Babbacombe Inn on **Sunday 15th June** at 1.30pm. For further information or to book a place, please contact Gill Buick 07709727714.



Messy Summer! Come and join in the fun on **Tuesday 17th June** from 3.15pm. Exciting news about the holy spirit, crafts, games, fun, food, stories! For children of primary school age with their parent or carer.

Save the date! St Matthias Big Day Out! Saturday 5th July We would really love to see as many of all the church family as possible so please do pop this in your diary and more details will be sent out in due course.

Goodbye and Thank you – from John and Ruth

It's going to be a tough day on Sunday as, after more than 11 years, we leave St. Matthias to head to North Devon where Ruth takes up her first post as Team Vicar in and around Bideford. We've loved being part of this great church family, and living in this beautiful place. Thank you for all that we have shared; for your friendship, support and prayers. May God continue to bless and direct you in His ways. John and Ruth.

News

Hearing aid found in church. Contact the office for more information.

Change of date - Repairs to the Hall roof will now be taking place in June. **9th June** scaffolding going up, 16th June work begins for 3-4 weeks. We are not expecting to have to cancel any events but if you have any queries please speak to Paul Sherriff or Pere Snow.

GIVE TO GO GREEN

St Matthias is going Greener! The long-awaited re-roofing of the Church Centre is starting soon. New roof, new insulation, new solar panels, new batteries and new improved lighting. Another step in our Eco-journey. You can be part of it! Come to an event!

- 18th June Auction by Tim Dickinson at the Imperial Hotel (catalogues available)
- 26th June Summertime - a Midsummer Evening of relaxing music and conversation with Jane Wibberley
- 19th July Quiz hosted by David Hodson
- 22nd July Torbay Folk Choir Concert
- 26th July Family Tea Party
- Treasure Hunt

*Support an event...*we need willing helpers – come and see us at the Events table

*Raise money...*are you planning an event? We still have room for more! Or do you want someone to sponsor you? Or will you challenge someone else?

Donate!

Remember – everything we raise during the six weeks up to our target will be match-funded by the Church of England 'Give to Go Green' project.

What's not to like? Come and see us!

Prayers for this week

Mon Praise God for John and Ruth's ministry and pray for them on their next journey of faith.

Tue Praise God for 50 years since the foundation stone was laid at Central Church And pray for more interaction with churches in the Bay.

Wed Thank God for King Charles and Queen Camilla, and the Prince and Princess of Wales. Pray for them and all the Royal Family.

Thurs WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Pray for international cooperation to reduce the annual production of plastic and to help our church to go greener.

Fri Pray for those who are physically or mentally unwell or are finding life difficult and wisdom to know how to support them.

Sat Pray for all involved in the appointments of the Archbishop of Canterbury and our new Rector, that they may know God's will.

Sun PENTECOST Praise God for His gift of the Holy Spirit and pray for His empowering in our lives.