



Sunday 10 August 2025

Welcome!

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

Sun 10 August	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> tinyurl.com/mprze78m <i>Please note that as this service is videoed you may be seen on screen. If you do not wish to be filmed please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Time
Mon 11 August	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 12 August	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Wed 13 August	9am Holy Communion
Sat 16 August	10am – 12 noon Coffee Box <i>on the Piazza</i>
Sun 17 August	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
Tues 19 Aug	3.15-5.30pm Messy Church



Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For Morning Prayer online,
we use the Church of England
'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom
link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5
You are welcome to
join us!



Or follow here: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f

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Readings

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

³²'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

Dates for the diary



Messy Church will be happening on Tuesday 19th August from 3:15 to 5:30pm – more details shortly. If you do know of anyone of primary school age who would like to come along do let them know.

Girls Allowed Our August outing will be on Thursday 21st August taking the ferry to Brixham for lunch at Rockfish. We will meet at 11am for the 11.15am ferry, £10 return (according to the web site) with time to browse in Brixham before lunch at 1pm. We will hope for better weather this year! Alternatively, you can make your own way to Brixham by bus or car and meet us for lunch. Please let Elaine know if you are able to come and whether you plan to catch the ferry or meet at Rockfish for lunch. Please add your contact number in case we need to communicate with you on the day. Phone 01803 390222 (there is an answerphone) or text 07974 001227 elainebiden@hotmail.com

Saturday 23rd August, 1pm – Wedding of Darren and Suzanne Many of you know Darren and Suzanne who have now been part of the St Matthias family for a while. We are really looking forward to their wedding day on 23rd August. There is an open invitation to all the church to join them to celebrate their wedding. Please do come and join in if you can.

Sunday lunch at the Babbacombe Inn on **Sunday 31st August** at 1.30pm.
For further information or to book a place, please contact Gill Buick 07709 727714.

Harvest 21st September Please keep the the date free – we are having a Harvest Service followed by a church family lunch.

News

Care Home Ministry Although many of our weekly groups have a break for the summer, much of the ministry provided by our church family continues. One of those areas is care home ministry and we have teams regularly going in to our care homes for communion services, or taking communion to individuals. If you'd like to be part of this team and ministry, do contact Claire, Elaine, or any of the staff team to find out more.

Prize! Still unclaimed! The team that came second at the Local Quiz Night on 19th July left their prize behind! Please phone Judi on 01803 211947 if you were a member of that team.

GIVE TO GO GREEN

Many thanks to those of you who've responded to the G2GG fund this week. Donations can still be accepted up to the 19th August. Although match funding is no longer available, all donations will be gratefully received - and if over £30, may attract Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. Please speak to me or Margaret Mundy. Rob Newman

Thanks go to: 😊
Sue Davies –
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Prayers for this week

Prayer bookmarks available from the welcome desk today

Monday Let's pray for our politicians. For the world leaders who constantly have difficult decisions to make. Help them to make decisions which are best for their citizens not best for themselves!

Tuesday Let's pray about the housing problems in our own country. Pray for landlords that they will deliver fair rents and insure their properties are kept fit for habitation.

Wednesday Pray for relationships - for marriages having troubles, for children estranged from their parents and pray that love may come back to these relationships.

Thursday Let us listen daily to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us and give us the strength to obey His word.

Friday Pray that we won't take for granted the beauty of the scenery around us, the sea, the hills, the open countryside, the privilege of living in such a wonderful place.

Saturday *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Matt 11:28) What a beautiful promise Jesus gave us - let it dwell in our hearts.

Sunday Pause to ask the Lord to make clear what he has to say to you from his word today.

Prayer for Peace from Christian Aid

God, hear our prayers for peace in the Middle East.

May all people in the region be protected, safe from harm.

We pray that this crisis will end now, with no further loss of life.

God, may the injured and distressed know your healing presence.

May the powerful and the decision-makers follow the paths of justice, mercy and peace.

We pray for recognition of the dignity and value of every life.

May the clamour of violence cease, replaced by the beating of swords into ploughshares.

God, in your name, Amen.

Archbishop's statement on Gaza from 23rd July:

In response to the ongoing situation in Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Israel, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell has written this powerful statement on the Church of England website which I commend to you:

tinyurl.com/4m354cwa

