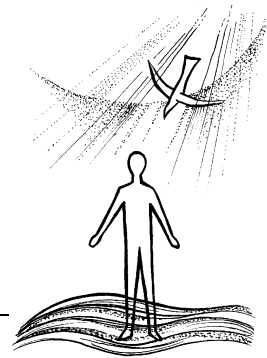


Sunday 11 January 2026

Welcome!



Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

Sun 11 Jan 	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray <i>all welcome to join us before the service</i>
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://tinyurl.com/599sm6nc
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>all welcome to join us</i>
Mon 12 Jan	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 13 Jan	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matts Knits
Wed 14 Jan	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	2.30-4pm Girls Allowed – <i>see note which follows</i>
Fri 16 Jan	9-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 18 Jan With Bishop James	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>

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



Thanks go to:
The PCC secretary and
treasurer – Ester and
Margaret!

For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and meet on ZOOM using this link:

tinyurl.com/2t56wex5

You are welcome to join us!

The words we use can be found here,

with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f



Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

'Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smouldering wick he will not
snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth
justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their
hope.'

⁵ This is what God the Lord says –
the Creator of the heavens, who
stretches them out, who spreads out
the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people, and life
to those who walk on it.

⁶ 'I, the Lord, have called you in
righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those
who sit in darkness.

⁸ 'I am the Lord; that is my name!

I will not yield my glory to another
or my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have taken
place, and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you.'

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ 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.'



News

School News: Open the Book assemblies are back at Warberry and Ilsham Academies. This week Helen is talking to the children about Jesus being left behind at the Temple.

Alisdair Macdonald's funeral will be held here at St Matthias on **Monday 19th January at 12 noon.**

Anthony Hindley's funeral will also be held here on **Friday 30th January at 1pm.** Our thoughts and prayers are with both Carole and Sally and their families.



After Christmas... why not explore life, faith and meaning?

We will be running an Alpha course in the New Year.

Watch this space for details or speak with one of the clergy.

Nicci Maxwell – Nicci is our CMS link in South Sudan, based in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, providing paediatric and neonatal medical care to local and refugee communities, and training and supporting local paediatric teams. To read her latest newsletter click on the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yk9vhnk4>

It isn't too late to pick up with the **Daily Reflections** from the Bible Society, which take about 10 – 15 minutes.



Have a look here <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/daily-reflection>

Daily reflections

Designed for those who want to read the whole Bible in one year.

Claire's licensing service which took place earlier this week, can be seen here: <https://tinyurl.com/5amujycm>

Dates for your diary

Girls Allowed Wed 14th Jan @ 2.30 - 4pm. All ladies are welcome to an afternoon of board games with tea and cookies in the church. Please reply to Elaine Biden at elainebiden@hotmail.com or **01803 390222**. Donations of £3 appreciated. We look forward to seeing you! *Elaine, Andrea, Sue, Susie and Judi*



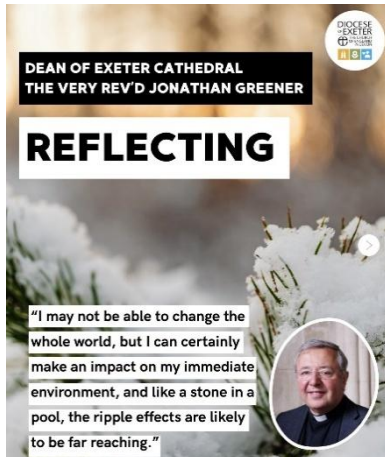
Sunday Lunch? We are resuming the Sunday lunches for 2026, starting on **Sunday 18th January**. By popular request we are again at The Central Conservative Club in Torquay, at 1.15pm.

Please contact Gill to book or for more information 07709 727714

Thursday 5th February The Friends of St Matthias' New Year meal will be held at **Amici restaurant** in Torwood Street at 7 for 7.30pm

Open to all - members and non - members. You can book

now - we're looking forward to seeing you there for an evening of good food and great fellowship! Nick Hewlitt, Chairman 07749 595599



January Reflection from the Diocese Newsletter:

In their first monthly reflection of 2026 we hear from the Dean of Exeter Cathedral, the Very Rev'd Jonathan Greener, who shares about the importance of taking time to pause before we begin again in this New Year.

You can read the full reflection on their [social media](#).

You can also read a text-only version of this reflection on their [website](#).

Prayers for the week

Mon Lord, we pray for all those parts of the world where there is unrest and war. Please bring peace and your love into those areas.

Tues Dear God, please encourage us to serve you this week and to remember that with you, small things can become mighty.

Weds Dear God, we continue to pray for a new rector for our church. Encourage us to continue to trust you as we wait for an outcome.

Thurs Lord, please prompt us to be mindful of your presence throughout today.

Fri Dear God, please help us to see others as you see them and thank you for the complete forgiveness of our sins.

Sat Dear Lord, please help us to rest in and rely on your abundant love towards us.

Sun Lord, please keep us from holding grudges and help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us.

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