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

Sun 12 Oct	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> Live on our YouTube channel https://tinyurl.com/2p8xpdKz Please note that as this service is livestreamed you may be seen on screen. If you do not wish to be filmed, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.	
	5.30pm We gather to pray for the church – all welcome	
Mon 13 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
	1.30pm Warberry Academy Harvest Service	
Tues 14 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers	
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits	
Wed 15 Oct	9am Holy Communion	
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>Join us for soup, coffee, chat!</i>	
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers	
Thurs 16 Oct	12.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Mike Blunsum <i>followed by refreshments in the Hall</i>	
	6.30pm Girls Allowed Film Night <i>in the Lounge</i>	
Fri 17 Oct	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me	
	6.30-8pm Youth Club 'Taskmaster'	
Sat 18 Oct	2.30pm Concert St Matt's Gospel Singers	
Sun 19 Oct	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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Mark 12:28-34, 38-44

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?' ²⁹ 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." ³¹ The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.' ³² 'Well said, teacher,' the man replied. 'You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.' ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. ³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, 'Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.'

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.'

Dates for the diary

TODAY! (12th October at 1.30pm) Sunday Lunch at the Central Conservative Club, Union Street. Contact Gill Buick for details 07709 727714.

'Girls Allowed' film night on Thursday 16th Oct @ 6.30 for a 7pm start in the downstairs lounge. We are showing 'Persuasion' (Jane Austen adaptation) and all ladies are welcome. Please reply to your invitation email or phone on **01803 211947** (there is an answerphone). A donation of £3, which includes refreshments, will be welcome. *Elaine, Andrea, Sue, Susie and Judi*

 **18 October 2:30pm** St Matts Gospel Singers concert - celebrating their 10th anniversary. Teas/coffees/cakes during a break. Guest choir GGCC from Bristol. Continuing fundraising for the Give to Go Green project. Could anyone help with teas and coffees in the break please? Please see Anya. Tickets available on the door £7, children under 14 free. Cakes and raffle prize donations are very welcome, please see Judi or Elaine.

Save the date! The Friends' Christmas Market takes place in the Church on Saturday 15th November between 10am and 1pm. Forget Black Friday, come and enjoy Scintillating Saturday with St Matthias fellowship and help to support local enterprises. See you there!

Fair Trade Fortnight has already happened 22nd Sept - 5th Oct but we have some FairTrade events in November.

Sunday 2nd Nov - breakfast at EXPLORE at 9.15 and a blind tasting after the 11am service.

Saturday 15th Nov at 7pm - Tear Fund Quiz



Confirmation – Sunday 23rd November We are delighted that Bishop Mike has agreed to visit us for a confirmation service. If you have not been confirmed and would like to explore what it means, then please get in touch with Paul, Dallas or Claire. If you have no idea what 'confirmation' is, then this might help – [Confirmation FAQs](#) – or the QR code along side.



We will be offering some sessions to explore in detail in November.

News

Claire As many of you will now know, Claire Reynolds has been appointed to be Team Vicar in the Northmoor Team Ministry. Her final Sunday with us will be 7th December and the family will be moving to Okehampton in December, with her licensing taking place on 7th January 2026. We are all very sad that she will be leaving us, but wish her every blessing in her new ministry in North Devon.

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!
The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2did3t7f



School News Last week we had the opportunity to use our wonderful church to host the Ilsham Harvest service. Warberry Academy are coming in this Monday for, what I imagine will be an equally packed out affair. As well as this Claire will be visiting the two schools telling them all about the friendship of David and Jonathan.

Last Sunday – we want to reassure everyone that the problem that caused the fire alarm to sound was found to be related to the ‘blower’ for the organ. Whilst it does mean we won’t be able to use the organ this Sunday, it is reassuring that it was nothing more serious. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Prayers for this week

Mon Pray for the Prime Minister and Government and all who lead this country for wisdom, discernment and integrity

Tues We continue to pray for that person whom God has called to serve as the incumbent here at St Matthias

Wed Praise God for all young people in our Church and pray that they may grow up to follow Jesus under the leadership of Helen and the Team

Thurs Thank God for the life of Mike Blunsum and for his leadership and witness

Fri Pray for those in our Church who are going through difficult times spiritually, mentally and physically

Sat Thank God for music and song and for the celebration of ten years of St. Matt’s Gospel Choir

Sun Pray for the Fellowship that we may be salt and light in the community



CONCERTS THIS AUTUMN at ST MATTS

18 Oct @ 2.30pm

St Matt’s Gospel Singers

8 Nov @ 7.30pm

South Devon Choir

22 Nov @ 7.30pm

Torbay Singers

8 Dec @ 7.30pm

Rock Choir

13 Dec @ 7.30pm

Big Noise Chorus

More info re tickets etc to follow. Watch this space!

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**Thanks go to
those who read
and lead prayers
at our services**

