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Sun 13 July	8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	
	9.30am Explore Together	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11.00am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> tinyurl.com/56vmz8r <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 Evening Prayer	
Mon 14 July	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>	
Tues 15 July	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>	
	9-11.30am Toddlers	
	12-1.30pm St Matt’s Knits	
Wed 16 July	9am Holy Communion	
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>last one until September! All welcome</i>	
	7.15pm St. Matt’s Gospel Singers	
Fri 18 July	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me	
	Youth Club – visit to Home Church	
Sat 19 July	10-12 noon Coffee Box <i>on the piazza – you’re welcome to join us!</i>	
	10.30-12.30pm Sparkly Summer Party – <i>in aid of the G2GG campaign</i>	
	7.30pm Quiz – <i>in aid of the G2GG campaign</i>	
Sun 20 July	8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	
	9.30am Explore Together	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>	

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**Thanks go to:
our Prayer
Ministry Team**



Readings

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
²⁶ 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?' ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."' ²⁸ 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.'
²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'
³⁰ In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."
³⁶ 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?' ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Collect Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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:



Dates for the diary

16th July at 7pm Ruth Beckett's licensing as Team Vicar in the Bideford and the Four Villages Mission Community at St Mary's Church in Bideford. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration, and it would help the people in Bideford to know how many people are likely to attend, so please add your name to the list in church if you are planning to be there. We are not able to organise transport, but hope that people will be able to share lifts to reduce our carbon footprint! You can follow online at tinyurl.com/3xmpx745 or scan the QR code.



Sunday lunch at the Babbacombe Inn on **Sunday 27th July** at 1.30pm. For further information or to book a place, please contact Gill Buick 07709727714.

Sunday 27th July Praise & Puddings @ 5:30! Our 5:30 service on 27th July is going to be a bit different...we're planning a praise service with lots of songs and a chance to enjoy good fellowship together. So the Praise service will be accompanied by puddings! All are very welcome to come, to enjoy an evening of singing and sweets. Do bring a pudding to share as well, if you can.



New Wine Festival - 30 July - 4 August at the Bath & West Show Ground.

New Wine will be hosting its annual summer festival - a six-day gathering of Christians from all around the UK and beyond – with worship, inspiring talks and seminars, and also spaces for kids, teenagers and young adults.

Click here for more information [New Wine Festival](#) or scan the QR code



News

A big thank you to all the team who were involved in the planning and catering for the Fun Day. It was a lovely event, much enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Open the Book - As part of our ongoing mission to share the good news of Jesus with the community, a small team of people deliver Collective Worship services at Warberry and Ilsham Academies. This week Helen will be telling the story of The Good Samaritan. On Wednesday Helen will also be at Warberry Academy, leading a session for the year 6 pupils who are transitioning to year 7 in September. *Helen*

Welcome Space is taking a summer break. The last session will be on 16th July and will start again on 3rd September.

Volunteers for church groups Could anyone help on a rota basis with either of two of the weekly groups running in the church? **Toddlers** is on Tuesday mornings (general help) and **Mummy & Me** meets on Friday mornings (help with refreshments). Both are important 'mission fields' for us, where we are representing Jesus. Please contact the office for more information. Thank you 😊 (Both are term time only.)

Many thanks to all of you who have supported our campaign over the last four weeks. You have had a huge impact; indeed, we can announce that we have now **reached our target!** This is not the end of our fundraising though – we need more to allow us to complete the whole Green Project. Please continue with your marvellous support.

Sparkly Party Saturday 19th July 10.30 to 12.30 Family Party in the Church Hall with glitter arts and crafts, music, games and cakes. Tickets £2 adults, £8 children (up to age 2, free). Details from Patrycja Oledzka (p.oledzka@gmail.com)

The Local Quiz How well do you know your Torbay? Come along to a quiz and test your knowledge. 10 sets of 6 questions about our local area. In the church on **19th July at 7:30pm**. A bar and a sociable occasion. £5 per person and either come as a team of 6 or come and join a team on the day. Licensed bar. For more details see David Hodson.

Tuesday 22nd July Torbay Folk Choir Concert with Wren Music and St Matts Gospel Choir in the Church. Licensed bar. Tickets £10 – contact Elaine Biden for more details.

26th July Family Cream Tea Party - contact Christine Tibbetts for more info.

Throughout - **Treasure Hunt** – speak to Helen Baker for details

Details of all these at the Events Table at the back of the church. Come and talk to us, find out more - and buy your tickets. Every £ you give will help support our Give to Go Green campaign.

Prayers for this week

Prayer book marks available from the welcome desk today

Mon – pray for people on minimum wage and zero-hour contracts, who struggle to make ends meet. Pray for the YUM bus and the work of Torbay United.

Tuesday – pray for people facing redundancy that they may have hope and perseverance.

Wed – pray for those going through divorce and relationship breakdown, is there anyone you can reach out to?

Thursday – pray for new Mums and Dads, especially those struggling to get enough sleep.

Fri – Pray for the “Give to Go Green” initiative and for those working on the church hall roof.

Sat - Reflect on how much you are loved by God, what does it mean to be uniquely made in God’s image?

Sun – **Pray for the process of getting a new vicar and that the right person will be made clear.** Pray also for your faith to be strengthened and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.