



Welcome



Sunday 14th January

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm to visit
or for personal prayer

Sunday 14 Jan 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/ljl-mik_87E?feature=share
Mon 15 Jan	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 16 Jan	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers Group
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – <i>knit and natter</i>
Wed 17 Jan	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
Thurs 18 Jan	2.30pm Girls Allowed
Fri 19 Jan	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30pm Youth Club
Sun 21 Jan	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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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[Please note that our services are often live streamed](#)

Readings

Psalm 139: 1-4, 13,14

You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

1 Samuel 1:1-20

John 1:35-42 and 43- 51

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

³⁹'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.'

⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

⁴⁶'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked.

'Come and see,' said Philip.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.'

⁴⁸ 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' ⁵⁰ Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' ⁵¹ He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

Dates for the diary

'Marking Lent'

This year's Lent course is an exploration of Mark's Gospel over 5 Tuesday evenings beginning **20th February at 7.30pm** (*we hope to repeat on Wed mornings too*). On Maundy Thursday, we'll listen to the whole Gospel together.

1. 'Marking Lent'
2. 'Who is Jesus?' & 'Who is God?'
3. 'Plundering Satan's house'
4. 'The Teacher'
5. 'Death of the King'



Girls Allowed. All ladies are welcome to our next Girls Allowed meeting on Thursday, 18 January 2.30pm in the Hall where we will be enjoying an afternoon of table top games, refreshments, good company and conversation. Please reply by email or text to elainebiden@hotmail.com or 07974001227 to book your place.

Tuesday 6th February is the date for the Friends of St. Matthias New Year meal, held at Amici restaurant, Torwood Street from 7pm. We are looking forward to welcoming friends old and new so do come and see us after the Sunday morning service to reserve a place. Rob Newman, Chairman 07305 681522

News

Cash collection this Christmas Thank you for your generosity – we were able to raise approximately £1316.80 to be shared between the Exmouth charity 'Christian Response to Eastern Europe' (CR2EE) who send relief to Ukraine and Moldova; and 'Compassion UK' to their appeal for providing for hungry people in Togo, West Africa

Nicci Maxwell Click here for the latest newsletter from Nicci who is our Church Mission Society partner [Newsletter Nicci Maxwell November 2023](#)

Tea Towel rota Would anyone be able to join our rota to wash the tea towels from the centre – no need to iron! Depending on numbers of helpers probably once every 3 weeks. Please contact Pere if you feel you can help. Thank you.

Mini bus appeal from Charlie Allansen to support Ukraine.

Charlie is trying to raise some money to buy a second-hand minibus urgently needed to transport those who have been disabled and for the distribution of food and medicines in war-torn Ukraine. To contribute go to the GO FUND ME page below or contact Charlie for more information: charlieallansen@gmail.com Thank you <https://gofund.me/71aed9e7>



Church cleaners and coffee makers needed! Would anyone like to join the team of cleaners or the coffee making team? The teams work on a rota so you would usually just be helping out once a month. (And the cleaning team clean the church not the centre!) If you fancy doing something new for the new year how about giving it a go! Please contact Sue Day on 07550 013101 or speak to her or the coffee team on a Sunday. She's happy to show you what is involved before you commit! Thank you!

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Monday *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pray that you will be a witness in whatever and wherever God has planned for you this week.

Tuesday *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10

Let's pray today that we will all use the gifts God has given us to enrich the work at St Matts.

Wednesday *"Fear not, for I am with you;...Isaiah 41 v10"*

Pray for all those suffering from mental health problems. A huge problem in our society.

Thursday *"Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds "* Ps 36:5 Pray for Palestine and Israel. For Ukraine and Russia, for Sudan and all caught up in War zones.

Friday *"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds, says the Lord"*

Pray for all known to us who are sick. Pray that the disputes in the NHS with the government will be solved.

Saturday *"Give, and it will be given to you..."* Luke:38

Pray for all those in financial difficulties that they might seek help. Thank God for "Christians Against Poverty " and all the amazing work they do. Help those of us who have sufficient to be generous always.

Sunday *"But the Lord is faithful who will establish you and guard you from the evil one."* 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Pray for all those preaching the Word of God today. Particularly for those preaching in areas of Christian persecution.