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

Sun 14 Sept	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee in the hall</i> Live on our YouTube channel https://tinyurl.com/mu4wnb7v 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 15 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 16 Sept 	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
	3.15-5.30pm Messy Church!
Wed 17 Sept	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>Join us for soup, coffee, chat!</i>
Fri 19 Sept	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 21 Sept	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>
	HARVEST LUNCH

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



Thanks go to



The Rectory Gardening Team

Readings

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 3:13-17

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Dates for the diary



Messy Church! Come and join us on 16th September for some Messy fun! Crafts, bible story, songs and we end with a meal. If you know of anyone of primary school age who would like to come along do let them know.



Harvest Lunch on 21st September at 12.30pm

Tickets available now!

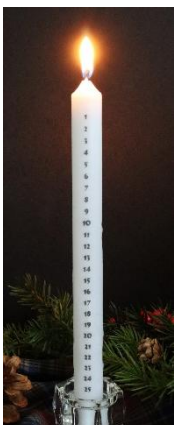
£10 per head for adults

£5 for children aged 11+

£ free for children under 11

Girls Allowed will be meeting on **Wednesday 24th Sept @ 2.30pm** in the church to decorate Advent candles to give to our younger families. Tea, coffee and cookies provided and all ladies are welcome. Please

contact Elaine at elainebiden@hotmail.com or phone on 01803 390222 if you are hoping to come. *Elaine, Andrea, Susie, Sue and Judi*



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.



Gardeners (and non-gardeners)!

Could you help to do some much needed weeding at the Rectory on **Saturday 13 September?** We're going to be there to give it a tidy up from 10am – 2pm. Come for whatever time you are able and bring a sandwich.

Toilets, tea, coffee etc will be available in the church.

Please bring own gloves, secateurs, kneelers etc. Thank you.

Saturday 20th September at St Mary Magdalene Church 9.30 – 12.30

'Martha – finding the Lord's balance' – £5.00. Register using the QR code:

'Join us for a morning of fellowship, bible study, coffee and cake'



Nicci Maxwell visit On Thursday 2nd October, 7 – 8.30pm, our CMS partner Nicci Maxwell will be giving an illustrated talk in the hall. Please come and hear about her experiences in war-torn South Sudan, caring for babies and children in hospital and a refugee camp. Refreshments, with cakes, will be provided



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.



Save the date! Fair Trade Fortnight runs from 22nd Sept - 5th Oct so please look out for information in church. Our events will be on Sunday 2nd November, with a Fair Trade breakfast at 9.30 and a blind tasting in the hall after the 11am service. On Saturday 15th November at 7pm we will be hosting the Tear Fund Quiz and more details will follow.

News

Update on appointing John's successor The advert and Parish Profile have now gone live in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website – see link below.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/vacancies/rector-torquay-st-matthias/>

Please keep praying for the right person to be led by the spirit.

Sad News We are sad to hear this week that Mike Blunsum has passed away. Many of you will remember him from his time at St Matthias, and through his years of service to the area of Torbay. For some years he worked at Brunel Manor when it was open as a Christian centre, and was also involved in the pioneering project at Factory Row. We are yet to receive details of the funeral service, but will pass this on when we have it.

Schools News Ilsham and Warberry Primary schools have returned after their summer break. This means that our “Open The Book” assembly team will be in school each week on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings, as well as the schools team helping out with other services and sessions throughout the year. In a few weeks’ time both schools will be holding their Harvest Services that Helen and Claire will be helping with. Do pray for the pupils and staff as they return to school, and for our schools team.

Church groups All of our church groups are now back in full swing after the summer break too. It is great to see both the church and hall busy with people again. Do be praying for our groups and the volunteers who work so hard to make sure our groups happen each week.

Collect Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death, to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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Prayers for this week

Prayer bookmarks available from the welcome desk

Mon Lord, I praise and thank you for your great love for me. Thank you for delivering me over and over again.

Tues Dear God, today I commit to you all the possible causes of anxiety at the moment and I put my trust in you.

Weds Dear God, help us in our trials. Even in dark places, help us to live in such a way as to know your perfect peace.

Thurs Lord, help us to stay faithful in our intimate relationship with you as our friend, our king and our maker.

Fri Dear God, thank you for your amazing grace and forgiveness. Thank you that you have redeemed me and that you lead me.

Sat Lord, fill me with your Spirit that I may seek justice on behalf of the poor and needy. Help me to always be a peacemaker.

Sun Dear God, may our generosity reflect your extraordinary generosity to us. May it bring honour to your name.