

## 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

We welcome Rachel from Open Doors today

[www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

Welcome! Join us in church or online <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams">www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams</a>	
The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm	
Sun 18 May	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> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/HVZsdMq7wMw?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/HVZsdMq7wMw?feature=share</a>
	4pm CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING
Mon 19 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 20 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 21 May	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
Thurs 22 May	7pm Girls Allowed <i>a quiz night with cake and a talk!</i>
Fri 23 May	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club – pizzas!
Sun 25 May	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>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>informal praise and worship</i>

**Collect:** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**For Morning Prayer online,**  
we use the Church of England  
'Daily Prayer' app and this  
zoom link  
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Church Office: 01803 214175 [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)  
Rector: John Beckett 01803 921057 [jandrbeckett@outlook.com](mailto:jandrbeckett@outlook.com)  
Associate Minister: Paul Barton 07807 636470 [revpaulbarton@gmail.com](mailto:revpaulbarton@gmail.com)  
Curate: Claire Reynolds 07858 313677 [claire.reynolds.bmc@gmail.com](mailto:claire.reynolds.bmc@gmail.com)  
Youth & Children 07832 738998 [helen.baker@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:helen.baker@st-matthias-church.org)

Thanks go  
to:



Mission  
Action  
Group

# Readings

## Philippians 1:1-21

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons.

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

## John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

## Dates for the diary

**Saying goodbye to John and Ruth** There will be a lunch in church on 1st June after the 11am service to say goodbye and thank you to John and Ruth. Please make sure you sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come.

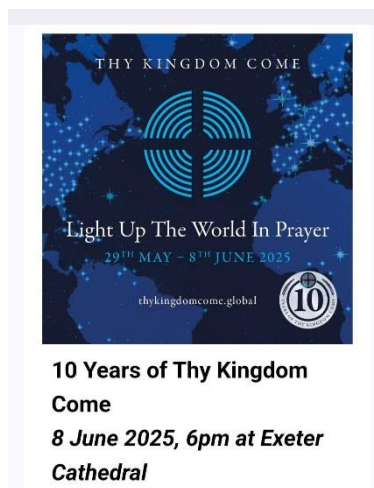
### Help us to shape the Parish Profile

Please complete the form online or collect a paper form from the back of the church to help us reflect the views of all the church family as we prepare to recruit John's successor. <https://forms.gle/d4iUHX2VuK7iw4Fr7>

**TODAY! Church Annual Meeting @ 4pm.** Please come along as we review the last year and look ahead! We also choose Church Council members and churchwardens. So do please think and pray about whether you sense God calling you to serve in this way – and chat to John, Claire, or one of our wonderful wardens Clare or Cheryl to find out more. Click on the links below to see the reports or a few copies will be available on the day.

- Annual Report and Financial Statement 2025 <https://tinyurl.com/47d2jsay>
- Report of Activities 2025 <https://tinyurl.com/chnkr4b7>

**Girls Allowed - Thursday 22nd May @ 7pm in the hall.** A quiz night with cake and a talk by Claire Reynolds. If you haven't already replied, please phone Judi on 01803 211947 so that we can provide enough cake!



**Thy Kingdom Come, 8<sup>th</sup> June 6pm**, Exeter Cathedral – Service of Prayer and Praise. This year's annual "Thy Kingdom Come" Service is taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Cathedral. It promises to be a fantastic time of praise, worship and prayer, which marks the end of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' 10 days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This year's main speaker is Krish Kandiah, who many of you will know from his charity, Home For Good. Last year a group from St Matthias went and had a great time. Do let Claire or one of the wardens know if you'd like to go but don't have transport. If you're planning to go, you'll need to book a free ticket here: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-pentecost-event-tickets-1225045938379)

[kingdom-come-pentecost-event-tickets-1225045938379](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-pentecost-event-tickets-1225045938379)



**Messy Summer!** Come and join in the fun on **Tuesday 17th June** from 3.15pm. Exciting news about the holy spirit, crafts, games, fun, food, stories! For children of primary school age with their parent or carer.

**Save the date! St Matthias Big Day Out! Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** We would really love to see as many of all the church family as possible so please do pop this in your diary and more details will be sent out in due course.

## News

**Repairs to the Hall roof** will be taking place from **27<sup>th</sup> May** for 3-4 weeks. We are not expecting to have to cancel any events but if you have any queries please speak to Paul Sherriff or Pere Snow.

### **‘Give to Go Green’ match funding campaign**

**GIVE TO  
GO GREEN**

Dates for your diary in June and July so far include:

- 18<sup>th</sup> June Auction by Tim Dickinson at the Imperial Hotel – **catalogues available today**
- 26<sup>th</sup> June Summertime - a Midsummer Evening of relaxing music and conversation with Jane Wibberley
- 19<sup>th</sup> July Quiz hosted by David Hodson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July Torbay Folk Choir Concert
- 26<sup>th</sup> July Family Tea Party
- Treasure Hunt

Plans are progressing well – but here’s a BUT! We shall need LOTS of people to make all this happen. How can you help? What can you offer? Carrying, lifting, taking out, putting away, buying, selling... There’s a list on the Events Table at the back of church where you can let us know how you can help. Come and see us. Talk to us, find out more - and buy your tickets. Every £ we make will be match funded – and will be used in support of our Go Green campaign.

### *Prayers for this week*

**Mon** Lord God, we pray that you were present at the Church Annual Meeting, and that you will have been our Guide on all decisions made.

**Tues** Loving Lord, we rejoice that you are the Good Shepherd, and we pray that you will continue to take care of all those who follow you.

**Wed** Heavenly Father, we think of all those who are close to death due to wars across the world. Let them know your presence with them at all times, and bring an end to their strife, we pray.

**Thurs** Holy Spirit, grant your wisdom to our government & parliamentarians, so that they make the right decisions, especially on the issue of immigrant people.

**Fri** We thank you, Lord, for the cleaning that our Youth Club have achieved, and pray that they will have raised generous funds.

**Sat** Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that many will attend *Thy Kingdom Come* in Exeter, and that we may see growth in your church family as a result.

**Sun** We pray for your wisdom to be imparted to our local Council, and especially to our MP, so that we may see homeless people housed.