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

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> <i>Live on our YouTube channel https://tinyurl.com/y7wpbjr9</i> <i>Please note that as this service is livestreamed you may be seen on screen.</i> <i>If you do not wish to be filmed, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
Mon 20 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 21 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 22 Oct	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space – Join us for soup, coffee, chat!
Thurs 23 Oct	2pm Pre-School Harvest Service
Sun 26 Oct Bible Sunday	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

God, our judge and saviour,
 teach us to be open to your truth and to
 trust in your love, that we may live each
 day with confidence in the salvation which
 is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to
 David and the
 amazing IT team
 looking after the
 sound and vision
 for our services



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



Readings

John 6:35-40

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

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.

Dates for the diary



THIS SATURDAY! 18 October 2:30pm St Matts Gospel Singers concert - celebrating their 10th anniversary. Teas/coffees/cakes during the break. Guest choir GGCC from Bristol. Tickets available on the door £7, children under 14 free.

Jollyween 2025! Friday 31st October, 3.15pm to 5.30pm. Join us for an afternoon of games, crafts, food and lots of glow in the dark fun. Open to Primary School aged children and their grown ups. Free entry.



® **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

15th November **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!

Confirmation – Sunday 23rd November Last call!

Bishop Mike is booked to lead 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

Update on Recruitment of new rector

As announced in Church last week sadly the first round of advertising did not produce a field of suitable candidates for shortlisting, for the interviews scheduled later this month. This is obviously disappointing but we have been told by our patrons that this is a common occurrence in the Church at present.

The diocese will be readvertising the post and the plan is to hold interviews in the New Year. Please continue to pray that God will be stirring the heart of his chosen person, for strength for Paul, Dallas and Claire as they carry extra burdens and for all of us, that God will help us to be strongly supportive of each other and outward looking so that we grow in our faith and as a Church in this period of waiting.

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.

Party Invitation to all! Mark and Rachel Farrin invite you to their joint 50th party on 1st November in the church hall. There'll be board games with cake in the morning 10.30-1 and an evening party with buffet 6.30-9.30 (Please bring your own drink.) RSVP to Mark by email: markfarrinphone@gmail.com

School News This week Helen will be delivering Open the Book assemblies looking at the relationship between David and Saul. In her role as Inclusion Governor for the Academy Trust, Helen will also be visiting St Michael's Academy on Thursday to see how the school is providing the best education for children with all levels of ability.

Prayers for this week

Mon We remember before God all our Church leaders and especially Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury elect.

Tues We continue to pray for the person God wants as our Rector.

Wed Pray for our leaders: Revd Paul Barton, Claire Reynolds, Dallas Ayling, and Andrew Green, also our Ordinand, Sharon Hiley and others who help lead in worship.

Thurs Thank God for all children in our schools and those who help them and take assemblies.

Fri Thank God for Helen Baker and her ministry in School, Youth Club, and other organisations involving young people.

Sat Pray for Nicci Maxwell for wisdom when she returns to South Sudan; for her protection and work with babies and small children.

Sun Pray for the Holy Spirit to work amongst us, for unity and stamina.



CONCERTS THIS AUTUMN at ST MATTS

18 Oct @ 2.30pm

8 Nov @ 7.30pm

22 Nov @ 7.30pm

8 Dec @ 7.30pm

13 Dec @ 7.30pm

St Matt's Gospel Singers

South Devon Choir

Rutter & Puccini

Torbay Singers

Bach: Mass in B-minor

Rock Choir

Big Noise Christmas Concert

**More info re tickets etc to follow and see posters
around building or concert websites**

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