



Our Lord God Almighty reigns

Welcome



Sunday 21st January

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

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

Sun 21 Jan 3 rd of Epiphany	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> https://youtube.com/live/9H38XJQHRho?feature=share
	6pm Churches Together Torquay - Service at Furrough Cross
Mon 22 Jan	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 23 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 24 Jan	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 25 Jan	3pm Funeral of Kay Cooper Rogers
Fri 26 Jan	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30pm Youth Club
Sun 28 Jan	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'

Collect Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thanks go to

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Readings

Rev 19:1-16

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

‘Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

² for true and just are his judgments.

He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.’

³ And again they shouted: ‘Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up for ever

and ever.’ ⁴ The twenty-four elders and

the four living creatures fell down and

worshipped God, who was seated on

the throne. And they cried:

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

⁹ Then the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ And he added, ‘These are the true words of God.’

¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.’

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ‘He will rule them with an iron sceptre.’ He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, ‘They have no more wine.’

⁴ ‘Woman, why do you involve me?’ Jesus replied. ‘My hour has not yet come.’

⁵ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

‘Amen, Hallelujah!’

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

‘Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!’

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: ‘Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.’

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.
⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'
They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'
¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 (7pm for refreshments)**. *(We hope to repeat on Wed mornings too at 10am)*. On Maundy Thursday 28 March (from 7- 9pm), we'll listen to the whole Gospel together followed by a short service of Holy Communion.

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



Funeral It is with sadness that we write to let you know that Kay Cooper Rogers died earlier this week. Her funeral will be held at St Matthias on Thursday 25 January at 3pm to which all are welcome.

Tues 6 Feb Friends New Year meal at Amici Restaurant, Torwood Street from 7pm. See the Friends on Sunday to reserve your place or ring Rob on 07305 681522.

Puzzled about how to pray for the Gaza/Israel situation? A recent talk at St. Andrew's Plymouth with the Dean of St. George's in Jerusalem offers some guidance. [Click here](#) to watch the recording on YouTube. Rev Richard Sewell is very happy for people to view the recording but would prefer if it is not shared too widely. We also plan to hold a seminar soon about the history of the Holy Land.

Choral workshop 3 Feb @ St Matts – Torbay Singers invite you to join them – Brahms 'Ein Deutsches Requiem' from 1.30pm – see posters or www.torbaysingers.org

News

A Greener Way for Our Bay – Have your Say. Torbay Council is conducting a new consultation – 'A Greener Way for Our Bay' – on local plans to reduce the Bay's

carbon footprint and make a difference for a changing climate. It should make homes more energy efficient (a primary reason for domestic energy inefficiency in this area), protect our local environment, provide sustainable public and private transport and other important measures. They seek local opinion and it would be good for as many in the congregation as possible to respond, as will the St Matthias EcoAction Group. Details here: <http://tinyurl.com/f29cf2yn>

For more information please contact David Hodson on dh@davidhodson.com

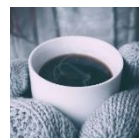
Welcome Space is held every Wednesday from 12-2pm. People are invited to join us in church from the community or church for refreshments and also to socialise. We really need more helpers to welcome our guests and listen or chat with them. If you feel you would be able to commit to possibly one week a month we would love you to join the team.

Accommodation requested A Ukrainian lady, who is a doctor, and her 12 year old son are looking for a sponsor for short term accommodation. They would need two rooms as, under the scheme, 12 year olds are unable to share with their parent(s). They will be returning to Ukraine in 4/5 months time. They have previously spent a year with Sponsors in Exeter so are familiar with the process. If anybody can help please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372. Thank you.

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.



Church cleaners and coffee makers needed! Please contact Sue Day & she'll get you signed up! Thanks. 07550 013101



Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Psalm 36v. 7 "How priceless your faithful love is..." Start the week with praise for His faithfulness.

Tues Mark 16 v 15 He said..."Go into all the World. Preach the good news"
Pray that we will all take this command seriously.

Wed Acts 28v8....."he placed his hands on him and healed him". Pray for those who are sick or injured, particularly those who do not have access to medical help

Thurs Pray for all who work in our NHS . Pray for the government that they may make the right decisions about the NHS.

Fri Let's pray for the many world leaders trying to bring peace to our disturbed world. Help them to know what is right in many very difficult situations.

Sat Luke 17v3 "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."

Pray for our church. Prepare us for worship tomorrow, with a pure heart having confessed our sins and truly forgiven those who have hurt us.

Sun Pray for the persecuted church who may have to meet in secret. Praise God that we can worship freely and pray that that may continue!