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# **Welcome to our Services**

### in church and online via the Church YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJJf6YQ

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

## Sun 22 August

## 9.30am PrayZone in church and livestreamed

https://youtu.be/2u0YSy7yMLA
Activity sheet: Whole Armour of God

#### 10.30am Coffee on zoom

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3882065555?pwd=VU12d0ZpNjJidHdSRE1qeGZBZzhUUT09

Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8

**11am Morning Worship** in church and livestreamed

We will begin with singing before the service

https://tinyurl.com/7rnnfj4r

## 5.30pm Prayer Meeting on zoom

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74635482342?pwd=UWpnU0lxUzhCYWgyUjFqOHpMSm80Zz09

Meeting ID: 746 3548 2342 Passcode: 6vYXZk

#### Our readings this week are:

**Ephesians 6: 10-20** <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y26t5r6x">https://tinyurl.com/y26t5r6x</a> (PrayZone)

Joshua 24: 1-18 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/uzjkykzs">https://tinyurl.com/uzjkykzs</a> (Morning Worship)

John 6: 56-69 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3hn3tm4f">https://tinyurl.com/3hn3tm4f</a> (Morning Worship)

## Thanks go to:

Our families and those who care for us ©

#### Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Next Week	
Mon 23 August	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us –
	Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 - Passcode: Pray
Tues 24 August	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us –
	Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 - Passcode: Pray
	12.00 - 1.30pm Matt's Knits on the piazza/in the Hall
Wed 25 August	9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship Liturgy) in church
	10.30 - 11.30am Church open for private prayer
Thu 26 August	10.30 - 11.30am Church open for private prayer
Fri 27 August	10.30 - 11.30am Church open for private prayer
Sun 29 August	9.30am Coffee Time on zoom
	https://tinyurl.com/56uwmn42
	Meeting ID: 780 4169 2954 Passcode: zqVcB4
	10am United Family Service in church and livestreamed
	We will begin with singing before the service

# Church Family News



**Congratulations** to Rachel and Pete on the birth of their daughter Eloriah earlier this week. Mum and daughter are doing well and Pete is now on two weeks paternity leave.

## Responding to the changes in Covid regulations.

The staff team have agreed on the following for the time being:

To continue to ask people to sign in via the QR code on arrival

To respect each other's personal space and maintain 1-2m social distancing

Whilst outside there is no need to wear a face mask

Inside the building we ask people to wear a mask to protect others more than ourselves, and if singing inside to do so with a mask

To refrain from embracing one another in the Peace

To continue to use intinction by the administrator during communion.

We understand that with the change in the law on 19<sup>th</sup> July there is no longer a mandate, but as you will be aware the level of infection is amongst the UK's highest in Torbay, and we are urged by both government and our Church Leaders to continue to respect one another and be aware of the ongoing risks, and we thank you for your understanding in this. Paul Barton

Advert for a Youth and Outreach Worker we are continuing to advertise for a youth and outreach worker to begin in October. You can see a video clip here <a href="https://youtu.be/QwTgUMblLjl">https://youtu.be/QwTgUMblLjl</a> Please continue to pray for this ministry.

# Ways to serve and wanted



The upcoming Mission Torbay (19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September) is getting ever closer!

Paul in his letter to the Ephesians urges them that when preparing themselves "for shoes for your feet put on

whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace" (NRSV), whilst in our Gospel reading Simon Peter tells Jesus that he has "the words of eternal life". Our mission is to share those words of eternal life with those who do not yet know them. The week in September is a chance for us all to focus on that instruction, and we will be finding out more over the next few weeks about what is involved and how we can all be involved.

**Church Cleaning** Now that the church is being used more frequently we are trying to reinstate the rota for church cleaning. If you would be able to help for a couple of hours on a monthly basis please could you contact the office. We are looking for another 6 or so people to help please – thank you for those who have already offered. Many thanks.

# Prayer

We would be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

## **Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers**

**Sunday:** praise the Lord that Sunday by Sunday we can have greater opportunities to worship together in a freer form both in church and on the Piazza, coming together increasingly once again as a fellowship but at the same time please pray for recent increased levels of Covid infection here in Torbay and in the south-west of England, that appropriate care is taken with love and responsibility for each other **Monday:** our news continues to be dominated by Afghanistan. Please pray for those fearful of their lives and for those fearful that their lives would now be changed under the new regime. Pray for those trying to leave the country and for nationals of other countries still arranging affairs in Afghanistan. Pray that there may be peace in the situation.

**Tuesday:** continue to remember the city of Plymouth after the events of last Thursday, for those in mourning and loss, for the city and civic leaders, the local

churches ministering to the community and for the police and government as they review gun usage.

**Wednesday:** please pray for good reception and then good response to our advert for a youth and outreach worker, for those in the church responsible for selection of candidates, interviewing and then decision-making and for the work of the gospel amongst the young in our church and community.

**Thursday:** with the special ministry of our Torbay area for many coming from around the country for holiday here, we pray they may have a restful, relaxing and enjoyable time, for renewing of mind, body and soul from the work and activities throughout the year, a time for families distinctively to be together, and that your spirit may inhabit this bay area this summer to bring awareness of your salvation and your rest.

**Friday:** please pray for all in our church, our parish and community who are unwell, for those in hospital, for those caring for them, for doctors and all in the medical profession and for those bereaved, mourning and grieving and those who are helping them.

**Saturday:** we continue to remember and pray for the students of our church, members of families connected to our church and those within our community considering courses for next academic year or areas of work for the coming months, for those who may be going away to further education as a first time away from home, for all starting a new school or college this autumn and for the work of Christian ministry amongst students.

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He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:4