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Sun 24 August With baptism at 11am	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee https://tinyurl.com/2tvs2xd4 <i>Please note that as this service is videoed you may be seen on screen. If you do not wish to be filmed please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'
Mon 25 August	BANK HOLIDAY – church and centre closed
Tues 26 August	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Wed 27 August	9am Holy Communion
	7.15-9am St Matt's Gospel Singers
Sun 31 August	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together with communion
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion with prayers for healing followed by tea/coffee

Collect

God of grace and mercy,
We thank you for gathering us together as
your family. Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that we may be united in love, grow in faith,
and serve you with one heart,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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!

Or follow here: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f



Thanks go to:
The Sunday Coffee Makers



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Readings

Galatians 4:1-7 (*New Living Translation*)

Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. ² They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. ³ And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Dates for the diary

Sunday lunch at the Babbacombe Inn on **Sunday 31 August** at 1.30pm.

For further information or to book a place, please contact Gill Buick 07709 727714.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 13th September Bishop James from Plymouth has kindly agreed to join the Torbay Men's Breakfast on 13.9.25 at the Grand Hotel. He will be our speaker for the duration, sharing his testimony and what God is saying to us today with an opportunity for Q+A at the end. A Full English Breakfast will be served on the dot of 9am (£12). If you would like to book your place, please email Charlie Allansen at

torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com



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

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.



News



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.

Deryck Botterill, who was an active member of St Matthias before he and his wife, Anne, moved to Cornwall, died in May. His family wanted to let us know and to announce that there will be a celebration service held at St Bartholomew's Church, Lostwithiel on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 2pm, with refreshments following.



Calling All Knitters to Help Highlight Domestic Violence

Mothers' Union would like to ask all those who enjoy knitting to become part of a 'Chain Reaction' to highlight the growing number of incidents related to domestic violence being reported across the county of Devon in the past few years. They would like help to create knitted chains, to 'cast on 60 stitches, knit 6 rows and then cast off' [size 8 or 4mm needles]. All

completed knitted chains can be delivered to the Diocese of Exeter Mothers' Union Office before the end of October 2025. This will allow time for the chains to be attached together. Please email the Mothers' Union Office to arrange a drop-off time:

office@mu-exeter.co.uk



Have YOU ever visited our website?

It may be that you have never felt the need to do so, but on the other hand you may find out something that you did not know!

This link will take you to the '[CHURCH LIFE](#)' page...



Prayers for this week

Prayer bookmarks available from the welcome desk today

Monday 25th As we face a new week's challenges let's remember the promise in 2 Corinthians 4:16 'Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day'. Pray everyday for our personal renewal.

Tuesday 26th 'Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven' thank God for these words. Let's pray to be able to forgive others as God forgives us, often hard but with God 'all things are possible'.

Wednesday 27th Pray for world situations. For those fighting and those who have lost so much in war. For those imprisoned falsely. Pray that peace may come to the warring countries and for aid to get through to many starving people.

Thursday 28th Pray for all those involved with the appointment of our new Rector. Give them wisdom and discernment. Pray for the one who will come. Prepare them for their ministry here.

Friday 29th Pray for our children and youth who come into our many activities here. Pray for Helen as she heads up this work and for the many people who help with various groups.

Saturday 30th Talks between world leaders. Pray that they won't offer promisers that they can't keep. Pray that they will look to you for wisdom.

Sunday 31st Today as we go to worship invite God to renew His call on your life. Psalm 18:19 'He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me'. Anything that we face, He is by our side. Our salvation and deliverance come from Him. When we lean on Him in these seasons, we will come out stronger and more like Him.

Notes