



st matthias

Welcome!

25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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## Join us in church or online

[www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams)

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

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> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/UoGjMNehho4?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/UoGjMNehho4?feature=share</a>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>informal praise and worship</i>
Mon 26 May	<b>Church and Centre closed for Bank Holiday</b>
Tues 27 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Wed 28 May	No 9am Holy Communion today – tomorrow instead
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Thurs 29 May <b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	9am Holy Communion <i>Followed by coffee and then at 10am a gathering to pray for "Thy Kingdom Come" remembering especially the upcoming vacancy with John leaving</i>
Sun 1 June <i>John's last Sunday at St Matthias</i>	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee &amp; farewell lunch</i>

**Collect:** Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, 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>

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Thanks go  
to:



The 'Prayer  
Action  
Group'

## Readings

### Revelation 21:3-4, 22-27

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. <sup>25</sup> On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup> Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### John 14:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> 'All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

<sup>28</sup> 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

## Dates for the diary

**Saying goodbye to John and Ruth** John's last service will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June when we will say goodbye and thank you. Unfortunately the lunch is now fully booked.



10 Years of Thy Kingdom  
Come  
8 June 2025, 6pm at Exeter  
Cathedral

**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-kingdom-come-pentecost-event-tickets-1225045938379>

**Charity Fundraiser for the Ladies Lounge** at Upton Vale **14<sup>th</sup> June** 10am - 4pm at 1 Thornclyff Close, Torquay, TQ1 2QW. Coffee, cake, plants, books and locally crafted gifts.



**Messy Summer!** Come and join in the fun on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**YOUTH CLUB** Our fantastic Youth club worked so hard last Friday night for their annual fundraiser. Well done to all of them, as they raised an amazing £337 for cleaning, clearing and weeding the piazza and outside the main church entrances. This will now be shared between Open Doors and Compassion, two very worthwhile causes. Thank you as well to all who contributed so generously.

**Annual Church Meeting** – thanks to everyone who came and to all who agreed to stand on the PCC. You can find the annual Rector's report here: <https://tinyurl.com/muvdfsnb>

**Change of date - Repairs to the Hall roof** will now be taking place in June. **9<sup>th</sup> June** scaffolding going up, 16<sup>th</sup> June work begins 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

### St Matthias is going Greener!

The long-awaited re-roofing of the Church Centre is starting soon. New roof, new insulation, new solar panels, new batteries and new improved lighting. Another step in our Eco-journey. You can be part of it! Come to an event!

- 18th June Auction by Tim Dickinson at the Imperial Hotel (catalogues available)

- 26th June Summertime - a Midsummer Evening of relaxing music and conversation with Jane Wibberley
- 19th July Quiz hosted by David Hodson
- 22nd July Torbay Folk Choir Concert
- 26<sup>th</sup> July Family Tea Party
- Treasure Hunt

*Support an event...*we need willing helpers – come and see us at the Events table

*Raise money...*are you planning an event? We still have room for more! Or do you want someone to sponsor you? Or will you challenge someone else?

*Donate!*

Remember – everything we raise during the six weeks up to our target will be match-funded by the Church of England 'Give to Go Green' project.

What's not to like? Come and see us!

### *Prayers for this week*

**Mon:** Heavenly Father, we think of those who, like Paul was, are in chains because of their faith in you. Bless them, Lord, for the light they continue to shine into the world, and free them, we pray.

**Tues:** Lord Jesus Christ, open the hearts, eyes and minds of those who spurn belief in you and imprison Christians throughout the world, so that they may come to know and love you.

**Wed:** Holy Lord, fill us, we pray, with love for one another, just as you love us, so that it becomes clear to all that we are your disciples.

**Thurs:** Lord God Almighty, bring an end to those who wreak war, seeking power over others, and possession of their land. Enable peace talks to take place between all, we pray.

**Fri:** We thank you, Lord, for the undeserved love with which you redeem us, and we pray that we, too, will shine your love, grace and forgiveness upon others, that they may come to follow you.

**Sat:** Lord God, grant your wisdom to our parliamentarians, and all who rule over others around the world, so that they may take the right way forward.

**Sun:** Dear Lord, we thank you for all who serve behind the scenes in our church, and we pray your blessing upon them all.

