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

Sun 7 Sept	8am Morning Prayer <i>using Common Worship liturgy</i>	
	9.30am Explore Together, <i>with breakfast from 9.15am</i>	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee in the hall</i> <i>Live on our YouTube channel tinyurl.com/bwa32ces</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 8 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
Tues 9 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers <i>is back!</i>	
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits <i>is back!</i>	
Wed 10 Sept	9am Holy Communion	
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>Join us for soup, coffee, chat!</i>	
	7.15-9am St Matt's Gospel Singers	
Fri 12 Sept	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>back today!</i>	
	6.30-8pm Youth Club	
Sat 13 Sept	9am Men's Breakfast at the Grand Hotel	
	10am-12noon Coffee Box on the Piazza	
	10am-2pm Gardening at the Rectory!	
Sun 14 Sept	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 We gather to pray for the Church – <i>all welcome</i>	

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



Collect for this week.

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within
us, that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to
Keith & his team for all
the work carried out in
the Pre-School grounds



Readings

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – ² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. ⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish." ³¹ 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Dates for the diary

Men's Breakfast Saturday 13th September with Bishop James at the Grand Hotel. 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

Girls Allowed will be meeting on **Wednesday 24th Sept @ 2.30pm** in the church to decorate Advent candles to give to our younger families. Tea, coffee and cookies provided and all ladies are welcome. Please contact Elaine at elainebiden@hotmail.com or phone on 01803 390222 if you are hoping to come. *Elaine, Andrea, Susie, Sue and Judi*



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.



Gardeners (and non-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.

Saturday 20th September at St Mary Magdalene Church 9.30 – 12.30

'Martha – finding the Lord's balance' – £5.00. Register using the QR code:

'Join us for a morning of fellowship, bible study, coffee and cake'



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News

Update on appointing John's successor

The advert and Parish Profile have now gone live in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website – see link below.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/vacancies/rector-torquay-st-matthias/>

Please keep praying for the right person to be led by the spirit.

Doing a new thing... could the Foundations Course be for you?

[Foundations](#) is the introductory course for everyone in the Diocese of Exeter who is exploring their discipleship journey and/or their vocation (*both lay and ordained*). Designed to help people grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church, it is also the foundational first year to train as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader), for ordination training, or to train for one of the new [Commissioned roles](#).



It is run by the Diocese of Exeter as part of our commitment to lifelong learning and development for all, and it is open to **everyone** who is a member of a church community. The four sections studied are: Theology, The Bible, Spirituality and Ministry. It is very much a taster course. There are in-person classes, discussion groups and online work to undertake. You can choose to join a cohort in one of three locations – Barnstaple, Plymouth or Exeter. The cost of the whole course is £25, and it takes place over 3 Saturdays and 4 weekday evenings.

To find out more information about the course and to book your place, [click here](#). If you have any questions, please email Jon Curtis, Lay Discipleship Project Manager: jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org.

Prayers for this week

Prayer bookmarks available from the welcome desk

Mon Lord, we pray for justice in our world. We pray especially for those seeking to bring justice to places where injustice reigns.

Tues Dear God, help me to be an ambassador of Christ and help me to live a life of love; may Jesus compel me in everything I do.

Weds Lord, thank you for all the amazing wonders you have done in my life. Help me to make them known to anyone I meet today.

Thurs Dear God, thank you that because of the cross we see both your love and justice together. Help us to share this good news.

Fri Lord, thank you that you give us so many chances. Please restore and revive all your people today.

Sat Father, we pray for our nation. May we rediscover the power of the word of God, seek your forgiveness and your guidance.

Sun Thank you, Lord, that when we turn to you in times of trouble you transform us and make us more useful to you.