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

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| Sun 9 Nov<br>Remembrance<br>Sunday | 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|                                    | 9.30am Explore Together                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |
|                                    | <b>10.20am</b> Gather to Pray                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                     |
|                                    | <b>10.45am</b> Remembrance Service <i>followed by tea/coffee</i><br><i>Live on our YouTube channel <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mrstyp8v">https://tinyurl.com/mrstyp8v</a></i><br><i>Please note that as this service is livestreamed you may be seen on screen.</i><br><i>If you do not wish to be filmed, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i> |                                                                                     |
|                                    | <b>5.30pm</b> Praying for the church – all welcome<br><i>A chance to get together and pray for St Matthias as well as other issues</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                     |
| Mon 10 Nov                         | 9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                     |
| Tues 11 Nov                        | 9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                     |
|                                    | 9-11.30am Toddlers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                     |
|                                    | 12-1.30pm St Mattt's Knits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                     |
| Wed 12 Nov                         | 9am Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                     |
|                                    | 12-2pm Welcome Space – Join us for soup, coffee, chat!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                     |
| Thurs 13 Nov                       | 2.30pm Girls Allowed – see note below!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                     |
| Fri 14 Nov                         | 9-11.30am Mummy & Me                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                     |
|                                    | 6.30-8pm Youth Club 'Balloon Fun' – Year 7-13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                     |
| Sat 15 Nov                         | 10am – 1pm Friends Christmas Market                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                     |
|                                    | 7.30pm Tear Fund Quiz                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                     |
| Sun 16 Nov                         | 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                     |

**Collect:** God, our refuge and strength,  
Bring near the day when wars shall  
cease, and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of  
heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**For Morning Prayer online,** we use the Church  
of England 'Daily Prayer' app and meet on  
ZOOM using this link: [tinyurl.com/2t56wex5](https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5)  
You are welcome to join us!  
The words we use can be found here,  
with an audio version:  
[tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f](https://tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f)



# Readings

## Job 19:20-27

<sup>20</sup> I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.  
<sup>21</sup> 'Have pity on me, my friends, have pity for the hand of God has struck me.  
<sup>22</sup> Why do you pursue me as God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh?  
<sup>23</sup> 'Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,  
<sup>24</sup> that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock for ever!  
<sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;  
<sup>27</sup> I myself will see him with my own eyes – I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us – whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter – asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. <sup>3</sup> Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. <sup>4</sup> He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

**Thanks go to**



**All those serving in  
our Armed Forces  
and Emergency  
Services**

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## Dates for the diary

**Girls Allowed** will be meeting in the Hall on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.30pm** for Tabletalk followed by tea, cake and a mystery speaker and on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30 am** for coffee and mince pies (g/f available) at Me and Mrs Jones. Please reply to Judi (01803 211947) if you would like to come. *Elaine, Sue, Andrea, Susie and Judi*

**A warm welcome** awaits you at the **Friends Christmas Market next Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November** from 10am until 1pm. Come along and enjoy our traditional pre-Christmas get-together with a hot drink and a mince pie. There will be a chance to browse through the Christmas Cards, craft stalls and displays providing the opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. Our activity area will provide entertainment for the children, to include competitions and face painting. In the meantime, we would be grateful to receive donations of **jigsaw puzzles**, good quality **books** and **games** which you can leave in the Friends' labelled box in the Linkway. This year we are running a **bottle stall** and any donations (no spirits) should be left at the Friends Promotion Table. For more information please contact Christine Tibbetts on 07789 692321.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm**, Tear Fund Quiz in the church. Do come along with a team of 6 or come on your own and join a team. Pasties and cake and BYO\*. Contributing to the brilliant work of Tear Fund. Contact us on [ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org)

*[\*BYO = Bring Your Own drinks, in case you didn't know!]*

**Sunday Lunch 16<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm** We are going back to the Central Conservative Club in Union Street, the lunch was so good! To book please contact Gill on 07709 727714.

## News



**Shoebox Appeal** As in previous years, we will be supporting cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe). If you'd like to send a Christmas Shoebox to someone in Moldova or Ukraine, pack a box full of new items – some practical, some to play with and some to wear, wrap it in Christmas paper, clearly mark it for a girl or boy (with suggested age ranges), a family, a granny or grandpa, and **drop it into the Church by NEXT SUNDAY - 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Pick up a leaflet for more information.



**Update on recruitment of new rector** We continue to wait and pray, much as the disciples did after Jesus' Ascension. The diocese will be readvertising the post in due course, and the plan is to hold interviews in the New Year. Please continue to pray that God will be stirring the heart of his chosen person, for strength for Paul, Dallas and Claire as they carry extra burdens and for all of us, that God will help us to be strongly supportive of each other and outward looking so that we grow in our faith and as a Church in this period of waiting.

**School News** The Open the Book Team are back in school this week. Monica Rook will be telling the story of Esther to the children at Warberry and Ilsham. Claire is also in school all day on 11<sup>th</sup> November to help the pupils think about faith and world views. She will be teaching the reception class about baptism. Please also pray for the team that helps with the St Matthias pre-school story time each week.

**Claire's last Sunday** with us will be **December 7th**. There will be a special opportunity to say good bye and thank you to Claire and Al over tea in the hall that afternoon, **3.30-5pm**, after the Friends Christmas Lunch. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Claire there will be a collecting tin at the back of the church/hall. Claire's licencing service in Okehampton is **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm** at All Saints Church, Okehampton, with refreshments afterwards. She would love to see as many of the St Matthias family there as possible and all are welcome. If you are planning to go and are driving the good news is there is a large car park attached to the church!

Please do pop it in your diaries, a formal invite will be in the newsletter soon.

### **Remembrance: Submarine E4 Lost on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1916**

The memorial tablet placed on the north wall of the church by Harry Dundee Hooper records the loss of his wife, daughter and son, all within a period of 19 months. His son, Stewart Briscoe Dundee Hooper, was a Royal Navy Lieutenant on board submarine E4 which was exercising off Harwich. His submarine was diving when it collided with another submarine, E41, which had surfaced. Both submarines sank, in the case of E4 with the loss of all 32 members of the crew and in the case of E41 with the loss of half of its personnel. They were interred at nearby St Mary's, Shotley.

It is thought that a total of around 74 British submarines were lost during WW1.

Just a little more information than the memorial supplies but worthy of our remembrance.

**Accommodation requested** Pete and Lucas, two Christian doctors in their 30s looking for a 2-bed annex or studio for 6-12 months from February. They are going to be working at Torbay Hospital and need somewhere to stay. They say they are tidy, clean and friendly! Contact Pete Lucas on 07805798331. *They are not known to us personally.*



### **CONCERTS THIS AUTUMN at ST MATTS**

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| <b>8 Nov @ 7.30pm</b>  | <b>South Devon Choir</b>           | <i>Rutter &amp; Puccini</i>  |
| <b>22 Nov @ 7.30pm</b> | <b>Torbay Singers</b>              | <i>Bach: Mass in B-minor</i> |
| <b>8 Dec @ 7.30pm</b>  | <b>Rock Choir</b>                  |                              |
| <b>13 Dec @ 7.30pm</b> | <b>Big Noise Christmas Concert</b> |                              |

***See posters around building or concert websites for more information***

### ***Prayers for this week***

- Mon** Pray for the PCC meeting tonight.
- Tues** Pray for all those affected by conflict - especially those affected by physical injury, mental illness or death.
- Wed** Pray for the government and security forces in Nigeria as the profile of persecuted Christians has been raised by the US.
- Thurs** Pray for the appointment process for a new rector and as potential candidates consider our church.
- Fri** Pray for the Youth Group as they meet tonight.
- Sat** Pray for all those running the Christmas Market today and the Big Quiz this evening.
- Sun** Pray for the 9.30 service - there were up to 60 people present last week.