



## **Join the Adventure**

*'I have come that  
they may have life,  
and have it to the full.'*

**(John 10:10)**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Welcome to St Matthias!

Thanks for expressing an interest in joining this God adventure by the sea.

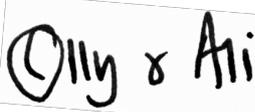
This training session is designed to help you take your next step along the journey of faith to discover and grow a life-giving relationship with Jesus that will make a difference in your life and the world around you.

In this session you'll hear a bit about the story, purpose and values of St Matt's, meet some of the team, make a few new friends, learn about how you can develop a vibrant personal faith, discover your spiritual gifts, and get an opportunity to jump on board!

Fasten your seatbelt.

Bless you.

Love

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Olly & Ali Ryder

## OUR STORY

Plymouth has a population of more than 250,000 people including more than 30,000 students - only 3% attend a church.

In October 2015 Olly and Ali Ryder, who were leading a church in London, were invited to consider setting up a 'Resource Church' in Plymouth to be a blessing to the city and region.

Olly had been reflecting for several months on a particular verse in the Bible — ***'The name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous run into it and they are saved.'*** (Proverbs 18:10) They were amazed to discover this is also Plymouth's motto.

As they visited the city, they discovered another verse written at the top of Smeaton's Tower, one of Plymouth's most iconic landmarks — ***'Unless the Lord builds the house the builders labour in vain.'*** (Psalm 127:1)

Olly and Ali started to imagine what it would be like for everyone in Plymouth and beyond to understand and apply these great verses of promise and hope to their lives and experience a life-giving relationship with Jesus.

They started to build a Dream Team of like-minded and committed people before launching the church officially on 25 September 2016 — 398 people attended the first service. Since then the church has continued to grow and develop. We invite you to join us on this God adventure by the sea and discover all that God has for you.

## OUR PURPOSE

St Matt's exists to see the **evangelisation of the nations**, the **revitalisation of the Church** and the **transformation of society**. Or, in other words, **we want everyone to experience a life-giving relationship with Jesus and for that to impact their lives and the world around them.**

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