



Sunday 1 May 2022

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## Welcome!

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' home page

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <a href="#">Breakfast on the Beach</a>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/UuGAE4Y3-Lk">https://youtu.be/UuGAE4Y3-Lk</a>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting</b>

Our readings today are:

**Acts 9: 1-6** <https://tinyurl.com/mr2dvcv8>

**John 21: 1-19** <https://tinyurl.com/2tu5jns4>

### Collect

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Jubilee  
planning team

### Tuesday – Friday 12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer

<b>Mon 2 May</b>	<i>Bank Holiday – church and centre closed</i>
<b>Tues 3 May</b>	<b>9am Toddlers</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matts Knits</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Wed 4 May</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>7.30pm Alpha</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Fri 6 May</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b>
	<b>6.30pm Youth Club – Games Night</b>
<b>Sat 7 May</b>	<b>8.30am Torbay Men's Breakfast</b> <i>Livermead House Hotel</i>
<b>Sun 8 May</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b>
	<b>4pm Encounter</b>
	<b>5.30pm Annual Church Meeting</b>

## Readings for Today

### Acts 9: 1-6

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

<sup>5</sup> 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. <sup>6</sup> 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

### John 21: 1-19

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

<sup>6</sup> He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

<sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

<sup>17</sup>The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' <sup>19</sup>Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

## News

### **Annual Church Meeting Sunday 8 May at 5.30pm – all welcome**

Copy of report available at: [Annual Report 2022](#) (Some hard copies also available in church – one per family please.)

**Sad news** After a long and fruitful life Wendy Hastings passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2022. Her funeral will be at St Matthias on Friday 20 May at 12.30pm.

**Begin Well** SPECIAL ONE DAY FREE ANTENATAL COURSE Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> St Matthias 10am-4pm to include lunch. Book at [www.beginwell.org.uk](http://www.beginwell.org.uk) or contact Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 for further information.

**Messy Church...**reserve the date for our next event on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15-5.30pm. Full details next week. We will be holding our next Saturday Messy in June in addition to the Tuesday.

**Next Friends Event** 14 May at Little Theatre "Passing of the Third Back" by Jerome K Jerome. Tickets from church on Sundays or from Christine Tibbetts on 291033 *Friends of St Matts*

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to support the work of the 'Good Samaritan Fund' which will help to subsidise the treatment of patients with very low incomes at Potters Village. £450 has been sent off, which includes gift aid. A wonderful total!

### **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

*Dates for your diary:*

Thursday 2 June - Hog Roast and entertainment 12.30 onwards

Sunday 5 June - church family lunch after the service



**Sun.** Pray for the Patronage Societies of our Church and for their Ministry in the wider Church. Praise God for their support and encouragement.

**Mon.** Pray for those from Ukraine coming to live in our community, starting school and college, learning the language and finding friends and support. Pray for those helping this process and for unnecessary obstacles to be removed for more to arrive.

**Tue.** Remember all who have recently been bereaved, are ill or waiting for a procedure. Pray for those suffering physically or materially from Covid.

**Wed.** Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine and world-wide. For all peace negotiators that they may have wisdom in all they say to other leaders.

**Thu.** Pray for the twofold consultation in respect of the Harbourside/Debenhams site and the Living Coasts site, which have the potential to make a really positive impact on Torquay, that it may be attractive to residents and visitors, produce jobs and be safe and enjoyable places.

**Fri.** Pray for the activities on church premises and for those that lead them and that folk may feel the presence of Jesus and be drawn to Him.

**Sat.** It is not easy leading a church so pray for all the staff team. Please pray especially for Ruth Beckett in her training for ordination in September and for Sharon Hiley as she studies to discern God's will for her future.

**Sun.** Please pray for the leaders of God's Church today, especially where it is dangerous to be a Christian - may they have wisdom from God.

**First meeting of the Coffee Box on 16 April.**

**More to follow...**



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