



Welcome



Sunday 11th February

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“How can they hear, unless someone tells them?”

Welcome! Join us in church or online

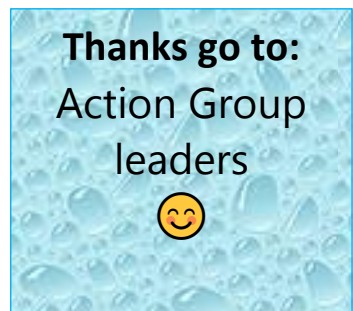
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The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm to visit or for personal prayer

Sun 11 Feb	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service followed by tea/coffee https://youtube.com/live/VZHHVY1HrYA?feature=share
Mon 12 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
Tues 13 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
	12-1.30pm St Matt’s Knits – knit and natter
	2.30pm Girls Allowed in the Hall
Wed 14 Feb	9.40am Ukrainian support group
	12-2pm ‘Welcome Space’ in the church
Ash Wednesday	7pm Holy Communion (no 9am HC today)
Sun 18 Feb	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30 Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee
Mon 19 Feb	Early morning prayer from 6.15am – all welcome – with tea, toast and biscuits!
Tues 20 Feb	3.15pm Messy Church
	7pm Lent Course begins (and repeated Wednesdays at 10am)

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Readings

Romans 10:1-4 and 9-16a CEV

Dear friends, my greatest wish and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. ² I know they love God, but they don't understand ³ what makes people acceptable to him. So they refuse to trust God, and they try to be acceptable by obeying the Law. ⁴ But Christ makes the Law no longer necessary for those who become acceptable to God by faith...

⁹ So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. ¹⁰ God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

¹¹ The Scriptures say no one who has faith will be disappointed, ¹² no matter if that person is a Jew or a Gentile. There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. ¹³ All who call out to the Lord will be saved.

¹⁴ How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone tell them without being sent by the Lord? The Scriptures say it is a beautiful sight to see even the feet of someone coming to preach the good news. ¹⁶ Yet not everyone has believed the message.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Dates for the diary

Girls Allowed 13 Feb All ladies are welcome to our next Girls Allowed meeting on Tuesday 13th February @ 2.30pm in the Peter Larkin Hall where we will be enjoying an afternoon of good company, conversation and pancakes. Please reply by email or text to elainebiden@hotmail.com or 07974001227 to book your place.

Look forward to seeing you there from Sue, Andrea, Susie, Judi and Elaine

Monday 19th Feb Early morning prayers at St Matts. Arrive from 6.15am, tea, coffee, biscuits, toast served and prayers from 6.30-7.30am. All welcome.



Wanted! Empty jam jars with lids – for a craft activity – please drop them off in church. Messy Church will be using them to make ‘kindness jars’ 😊

Tuesday 20th Feb @ 3.15pm Come along for MESSY CHURCH – see you there!

Reflections on the journey

In *An Evening with Rob Parsons*, (from ‘Care for the Family’) we invite you to step into the untold stories from Rob’s lifetime of overcoming obstacles, letting go of childhood labels and discovering that the past doesn’t have to define us.

21st March, 7.30pm – 10pm. Belmont Chapel, Exeter. Tickets £8 - 11

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/touevents/an-evening-with-rob-parsons/>

‘Marking Lent’

This year’s Lent course is an **exploration of Mark’s Gospel** over 5 Tuesday evenings beginning **20th February at 7.30pm (7pm for refreshments)**.

(Repeated on Wed mornings at 10am).

On Maundy Thursday 28 March (from 7- 9pm), we’ll listen to the whole of Mark’s Gospel together followed by a short service of Holy Communion.

1. ‘Introduction to Mark’
2. ‘Who is Jesus?’ & ‘Who is God?’
3. ‘Plundering Satan’s house’
4. ‘The Teacher’
5. ‘Death of the King’

Israel and Gaza – need help understanding what is happening?

“Thinking about Israel’s claim to Israel and its biblical underpinnings” by

Dr Megan Warner **Wednesday 28th February 7pm on zoom**

Megan is Tutor in Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew at Northern College/Luther King Centre for Theology and Ministry and holds positions as Honorary Researcher at the Universities of Exeter and Manchester. To be sent the (free) zoom link, please complete the booking form on the Diocesan website here (the course is definitely open to all, and is listed towards the bottom of the form) <http://tinyurl.com/3cj6ap35>

News

Nicci Maxwell – latest newsletter – click here to read more...

[February Newsletter - Nicci Maxwell](#)

How green is your garden? Environmental concerns in gardening.

Save the date: **27th April at 2pm**. To include talks on peat free compost, no dig gardening, what plants work well in a coastal environment, planting edibles and herbs, companion planting, wildlife in the garden, mental well-being, drought resistant plants, Torbay green spaces and similar. More to follow...

Supporting our ministry at St Matthias: you can give financially either through the Parish Giving Scheme <http://tinyurl.com/3pzu34sn> or by scanning this code.



Tins of biscuits – does anyone have any un-eaten tins of biscuits perhaps left over from Christmas? It's hard to imagine (!) but if you do, the Ukraine support group would be grateful. Please bring in to church and leave in the café with a note. Thanks.

Prayer Triplets A new prayer initiative to help prayer become part of the DNA of our church - see the handout on Sunday morning for more information!

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Monday Pray for King Charles and all the Royal family as the king undergoes cancer treatment.

Tuesday Pray for churches as they help asylum seekers - that they will not be put off by the media accusations of “bogus claims”.

Wednesday Pray for the persecuted church in China, Vietnam and Hong Kong.

Thursday Pray for the continued progress of reconciliation in N. Ireland - that it might model reconciliation to a broken world.

Friday Pray for the Christian witness in the student world – particularly through UCCF.

Saturday Pray for the police. May they perform their difficult job with integrity, fairness and good humour.

Sunday Pray for ministry today in all our local churches.

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