



# Palm Sunday 13th April 2025

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<b>Welcome! Join us in church or online</b> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams">www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams</a>	
<b>The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm</b>	
<b>Sun 13 April</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11.00am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/v8WdqKVtenE?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/v8WdqKVtenE?feature=share</a>
	<b>6.30pm Churches Together Service</b> – <i>with coffee/tea from 6pm</i>
	<b>Mon 14 April</b>
	<b>7pm Parish visiting feedback in Hall</b> - <i>All welcome</i>
<b>Tues 15 April</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom</b> – <i>details below</i>
	<b>3.15pm Messy Easter</b>
<b>Wed 16 April</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion including session 6 of Lent Course</b>
	<b>12-2pm Welcome Space</b> <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers</b>
<b>Thur 17 April</b>	<b>7.00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion</b> <b>to include session 6 of Lent Course</b>
<b>Fri 18 April</b>	<b>10.00am All Age Service with hot cross buns</b>
	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>2.00pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' reflective service</b>
<b>Sat 19 April</b>	<b>10am - 12pm Coffee Box on piazza</b>
<b>Sun 20 April</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>EASTER</b> <b>9.30am Informal family communion service in the Hall</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

**Collect** True and humble king,  
 hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
 grant us the faith to know you and  
 love you, that we may be found  
 beside you on the way of the cross  
 which is the path of glory. **Amen**

**Thanks go to:**



Singers and musicians

**For Morning Prayer online,**  
 we use the Church of England 'Daily  
 Prayer' app and this zoom link  
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

## Readings

### Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-29

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:  
"His love endures forever."  
<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.  
<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.  
<sup>25</sup> Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!  
<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.  
<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With Palm branches in hand, join in the procession  
All the way to the altar.  
<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

### Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"  
Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"  
They replied, "The Lord needs it."  
They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.  
When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:  
"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

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## Dates for the diary



**It's Messy Easter time! 15 April at 3.15pm.**  
Come and have some fun, and food, and hear all about God's love for us.



**Sunday Lunch Easter Sunday 20 April** Our next lunchtime get together will be on Easter Sunday at 1.30pm at the Babbacombe Inn. Please let Gill Buick know if you would like to come by 17<sup>th</sup> April. Tel: 07709 727714

**Sad News** We are sad to report that Jan Barden (June's daughter) has died. Her funeral will be held at St Matthias Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Jan at this time.

**Girls Allowed Chinese Takeaway evening** Thursday 24th April @ 5.45pm in the church hall. £5 donation welcome. Please look out for your email invitation, ladies! Orders have to be with Judi by 16th April. Any questions? - phone Judi on 01803 211947. *Susie H, Elaine, Andrea, Sue D, Judi*

**Coffee Box is Back!** Our monthly community outreach event for spring and summer returns on Saturday morning. A friendly chat, prayer if desired, and free refreshments are offered on the piazza to everyone passing by.

Announcing the return on **18 June 2025** of the major **ST MATTHIAS DREAM AUCTION**. We are seeking 'promises' (goods and services) for sale at the Auction. Can you help – or do you know someone who could? All proceeds are in aid of the St Matthias Green Project and Rowcroft Hospice. Please contact the auctioneer Tim Dickinson on 07879 445146 or [tim@irvinenott.co.uk](mailto:tim@irvinenott.co.uk)

## News

**Electoral Roll - Deadline Easter Sunday!** Have you completed your electoral roll form yet? Please see Paulina at the end of services for more information. Thank you.

**PCC minutes** If anyone would like a copy of minutes from the meeting in January please contact the office.

**Church furniture** We have various small pieces of church furniture which are surplus since the re-ordering took place. We are now in a position to pass these on to anyone who would be interested. They will be on display in the south aisle on Sunday 13 April. Please have a word with one of the wardens if you are interested.

**Great news! Our application to the Give to Go Green project** has now been approved. This means that money raised during the six week campaign - starting in June - will be matched by funds provided and supported by the Church of England's National Giving Team and the Diocese of Exeter. Money raised in this way will allow us to fund measures

to help us at St Matthias to reach our carbon neutral and energy conservation targets. We will welcome with open arms your ideas and offers of support. Please let me know now if you would like to help in any way at all. Rob Newman. 07305 681522

**Books for Easter...**please have a look at a new selection of library books at the back of church which you are welcome to borrow.

**Sunday Coffee Team...**has some lovely helpers but urgently needs some more...if you can help please see Sue Day.

## LENT COURSE

"Streams of Living Water"  
by Richard Foster

*The final session of the Lent Course will be held as part of the Communion Services at 9am on Wednesday 16/4 and 7pm on Maundy Thursday 17/4*

## EASTER SERVICES – see posters

### 13 April Palm Sunday

8am Prayer Book Communion

9.30am Informal, family service in hall

11am Morning Worship

6.30pm Churches Together in Torquay Service

### 17 April Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion

### 18 April Good Friday

10am All Age Service with hot cross buns

2pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' reflective service

### 20 April Easter Sunday

8am Prayer Book Communion

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## Prayers for this week

**Mon** Dear God, in the run up to Easter, help us to remember the profound meaning of your sacrifice and the hope it brings us.

**Tue** Lord, we give you all the honour and glory as we remember Jesus. Thank you that he was the lamb slain for the world.

**Weds** Dear God, help us to be grateful recipients of your grace and mercy and to always be faithful to your will.

**Thurs** Dear God, as we remember the Last Supper, help us never to forget your example of humility, selflessness and service to others.

**Fri** Lord, let us reflect today on the pain and suffering of the cross and all that Jesus was willing to endure so we could be set free.

**Sat** Dear God, today we can eagerly anticipate the joy of your resurrection and the promise of new life that it represents.

**Sun** Father, may hearts be opened to your love today. Let the message of Jesus' death and resurrection lead many to repentance and faith.