



14 February 2021

The Sunday next before Lent

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# Welcome

## Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

It may be simpler to find all the services by looking at the different **PLAYLISTS** on St Matthias YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ/playlists>

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

<b>Sun 14 Feb</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion <i>online</i></b> <a href="https://youtu.be/JxC4iUWydj4">https://youtu.be/JxC4iUWydj4</a>
	<b>9.30am Ozone <i>online</i></b>
	<b>10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i></b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxIVzkyQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxIVzkyQT09</a> Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	<b>11am Morning Worship <i>livestreamed</i></b> <a href="https://youtu.be/7rqQwgHt5M4">https://youtu.be/7rqQwgHt5M4</a>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i></b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75063479178?pwd=c2tRY1R2ak1YWWR5RHQ0MS8vc2FwUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75063479178?pwd=c2tRY1R2ak1YWWR5RHQ0MS8vc2FwUT09</a> Meeting ID: 750 6347 9178 Passcode: PJtW1B

**Readings:** 1 Cor 13 and Mark 1:40-45

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Cor+13+&version=NIV>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1%3A40-45&version=NIV>

### Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to: 😊  
Vaccine volunteers

Next Week	
Tues 16 Feb	7pm Girls Allowed <i>on zoom</i>
Wed 17 Feb	Ash Wednesday: service of Holy Communion <i>Youtube from 9am</i> and introduction to Nehemiah for the Lent course
Sun 21 Feb	9.30am Growzone <i>online</i>
	10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09</a> Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	11am Holy Communion <i>livestreamed</i>

## St Matthias' 2021

### Two Projects, one Vision

We launched an Appeal last week to the church family for:

- **£25,000 to clear most of the remaining costs of funding 'Wellspring'**

And, monthly pledges of money so that we can move on to advertise for and fund:

- **A full time person to work with the Schools, Children, Young People and their families – or a 'SCYP' worker!**

There is a letter you can read and more information on the church website [here](#) including a short video film <https://youtu.be/vS9R8654RYc> and a donation form you can use.

The Wellspring shortfall needs to be dealt with now leaving us to move on to the work ahead that God has planned for us. Please give this situation your prayerful consideration. We want everyone to be part of this exciting work. Thank you.

*(If you wished to give via the internet, then please note that the church bank account details are Sort Code 40-52-40 A/C number 00017933)*

*For more information please contact the Church treasurer, Tony Barratt on Tel: 07984 001973 Email: [tony@ab-consulting.org](mailto:tony@ab-consulting.org)*



## LENT 2021

For centuries Lent has been used by Christian people as a time of renewal of devotion to Jesus Christ. The 40 day period follows Jesus' time of fasting and prayer spent in the wilderness, preparing for the next stage of His ministry. We too are encouraged to practice the 'spiritual disciplines' of prayer, reflecting on the bible, solitude, and fasting (going without food or some other 'comfort' for a short time).



There are several ways to help you keep Lent this year.

### 1 Bible Study Course "Nehemiah" - a story for our time

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing on the following 3 Tuesdays we're going to be taking a look at the inspirational life and work of Nehemiah. If you thought his was a dry, dusty old story hidden within the more obscure pages of the Old Testament then please come along. This series is for you! His energy, passion, integrity and love for God and His people in a very challenging time are just what we need to emulate in our own challenging times. Look forward to seeing you! Lindsay

Each session begins live on zoom at 7.30pm (and will end by 9pm) so that we can also have discussions in smaller groups. The main talks and questions for discussion will also be recorded and put onto the YouTube channel the following day, so that you can take part at any time.

*(There is also a Study guide to accompany the course – the 'Cover to Cover' book on Nehemiah by Selwyn Hughes ISBN 9781853453359 though there's no need to buy one.)*

### 2 #Live Lent: God's Story, Our Story. Daily reflections

*For each of the 40 days of Lent, there is a short Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer. The daily reflections follow weekly themes - each with an accompanying action - drawn from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, Living His Story: Sharing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele (SPCK)."*



- You can sign up free now for **daily email reflections**: [tinyurl.com/1mox7d5x](https://tinyurl.com/1mox7d5x)
- Or there is also an **App that should be available soon**
- & we believe the reflections will also be available on the **'Daily Hope' phone line** 0800 804 8044

### 3 Lent Course Part 2 "These are our Stories – Lent in a Pandemic Year"

This Diocesan course encourages us to share our stories about how the pandemic has affected us, our faith and our understanding of God and helps us discern what He wants for us next. Since the Nehemiah series takes us half way through Lent, we are working on adapting the Diocesan Lent Course material to use for two or three of the remaining weeks leading up to Easter.

## Prayer



While we are not able to open the church building for private prayer, we have provided a 'Prayer Space in the North Porch and a simple 'labyrinth' type of prayer using the pattern on the piazza – there are leaflets in the West porch.

We would also be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Some local churches have decided to remain open for private prayer, and for Holy Communion. One near here is All Saints, Cary Ave, Babbacombe, Torquay, TQ1 3NY which is open as below:

- Open every day for private prayer between 9.30 am and mid-afternoon Monday to Saturday (from 11.45 on Sundays). The public Holy Communion services are Sunday at 9.30am and 10.30am.

### Suggestion for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** Pray for the worship of our church that this may affect us all in our lives so that people will see that we live in Jesus and so want to know more about Him too.

**Mon** As the National Trust have their Valentine's Flower Count, let us thank God for His creation and especially for the beautiful flowers we enjoy. Pray that the leaders of the nations will be more active in caring for the ecology of our world.

**Tues** Pray for the meeting about "Girls Allowed" that they will know what to do about getting ladies in the congregation to share together.

**Wed** **Ash Wednesday.** Remember the service today as we begin to study Nehemiah on YouTube. Pray for the studies during Lent, praying that they may help us add quality to our Christian witness and life.

**Thurs** Remember all who are bereaved, sick or suffering in any way, especially through the Covid 19 pandemic.

**Fri** Pray for the Lent Initiative "Fair Shares" that this will be helpful to those donating items and to those receiving items to help them.

**Sat** Remember all Church leaders from our Queen to the Archbishops, Bishops and clergy. Remember John and Paul and the Lay Readers as they minister to us.

**Sun** Pray about the Church Appeal. May we respond wisely and generously. May it help our Church grow to God's glory.



# News and dates for the diary

**Girls Allowed** will be meeting on Zoom on Tuesday 16th Feb, starting at 7pm, to share some of the things that we've enjoyed over the year since we last met in person as a group! If you haven't had an email invitation and would like to join us please email Sue at [robandsued@gmail.com](mailto:robandsued@gmail.com)

**#take3** a new series of 2 minute reflections from the Diocese...have a browse...  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDz-Tb3G12iA6o1Mib-A4n42ht6IbWTLF>



## Fair Shares – Lent Initiative – begins next week!

Volunteers have come forward to look after this initiative (thanks 😊) which means that the **Fair Share Box** can begin next week! You will find it in the West Porch of the church. To take part simply bring any of the following items and then take as you wish 😊

- Yes please to labelled seeds and plants.
- And yes please to things like books and toys in good condition
- Nothing too big or too heavy for the box
- No food please as that is shared through the Torquay Community Larder

And if you're leaving or swapping something and the box is full, please either take something to make space or come back another time. Please don't leave things outside the box. At the moment, we'd also recommend good hand hygiene whether you're sharing or taking things; and you might want to think about cleaning things that you take away. If you like the box, please let us know. Please contact Rob and Sue Day if you have any questions on 07550 013101.



**The National Trust** is inviting members of the public to join in their Valentine's Weekend Flower Count. Great fun to join in either by counting different flowers in your garden or while out walking. Details online: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/get-involved-in-the-south-west-flower-count-survey>

**Torquay Community Larder** is still operating and in need of donations. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection. (Unfortunately donations cannot be left in church at the moment.)

### To contact the Church:

Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

**Office:** 01803 214175 [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)

**Rector:** John Beckett 01803 293119

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