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

<b>Sun 14 April</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am United Family Service</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/BQ4THS5CKmk?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/BQ4THS5CKmk?feature=share</a>
<b>Mon 15 April</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Tues 16 April</b> 	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom</i>
	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits</b> – <i>knit and natter</i>
	<b>3.15pm Messy Church</b>
<b>Wed 17 April</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10am – 12 noon Ukraine support group</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12-2pm 'Welcome Space'</b> <i>in the church</i>
<b>Fri 19 April</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b>
	<b>2pm Funeral of Penny Barr</b>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Sat 20 April</b>	<b>10-12 noon Coffee Box</b> <i>on the piazza</i>
<b>Sun 21 April</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

**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:**

Messy Church  
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## Readings

**Acts 3:1-19** One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, ‘Look at us!’ <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’ <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

<sup>11</sup> While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> ‘Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

**Luke 24:36b-48** <sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’

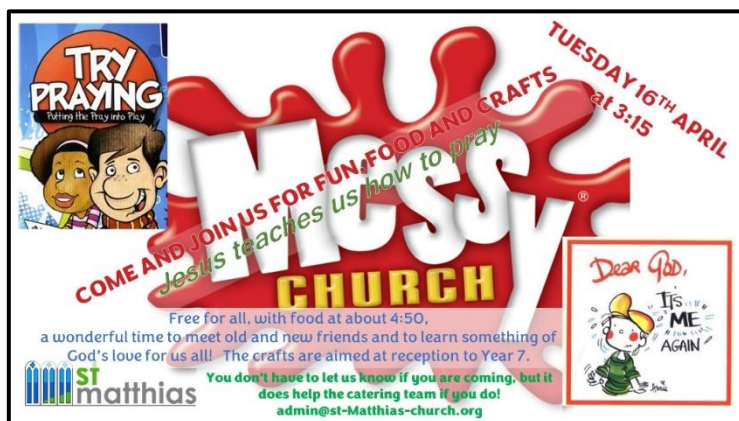
<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.’

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, ‘Do you have anything here to eat?’ <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> He said to them, ‘This is what I told you while I was still

with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

## Dates for the diary



**Messy Church 16 April from 3.15pm. Why not give it a try!**



**Coffee Box** is back! Our monthly community outreach event on the Piazza returns on **Saturday 20 April**, 10am-12pm. Future dates: 18 May, 15 June, 13 July, 17 August and 7 September. Friendly chat, prayer and free refreshments are on offer to all who drop in. If you would like to join our enthusiastic team of helpers, please speak to Joanna Wilkinson, on 01803 32749.

**Girls Allowed Mon 22 April at 7pm** – look out for your email for details! Elaine

**Change of date:** APCM now on **12<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon** - straight after the 11am service.

**Friends of St Matthias** Organ recital by David Davies on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets now available from the Friends' desk.

**Church Family Away Day to Dawlish Warren 29 June** - a day to chat, play and eat together for all the generations in our church family – we've booked indoor hall space but there's plenty to do outside too of course. More details to come!

## News

**Sad News** We are sad to let you know that Penny Barr, a long-standing member of the church, has died. Her funeral will be at St Matthias on **Friday 19 April at 2pm**.

**Eco Action Group** Sadly we have had to postpone the planned sustainable gardening event on Saturday 27th April but do check out the EcoAction notice board for ideas on making our gardening more sustainable and nature friendly and share your own tips and suggestions. There are still tickets available for the EcoChurch celebration at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday 28th April 12.30-15.30 with the chance to hear Dave Bookless, the founder of A Rocha.

**Thank you from Lorraine** – Lorraine Myrie would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes and is happy to say that she is recovering well.

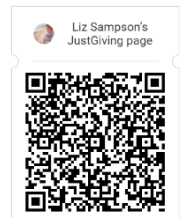
**Wednesday Bible Study** We would love anyone who is available to join us on a Wednesday morning as we study characters from the bible. The next session is on 17 April @ 10am in the Lounge and then on alternate Wednesdays. All welcome! For more information please contact Ali Buckley on 07800 576818.

**Tomato plants for sale! At back of church today.** Donation – 50p suggested – to help to buy some new sound equipment for the church.

**Thank you Anthony!** Anthony Hindley has decided to retire from active clergy duties by not renewing his “Permission to Officiate” - the formal designation which allows clergy to preach and lead public services. Anthony writes: *“I thank God for His faithfulness to me since my Ordination in 1966! Thank you to anybody who has prayed for me with my health issues while at St Matthias’ ”* And we want to reply, “Thank you Anthony’ for the years you have faithfully served the church!”

**Help us nurture our nature area!** Liz (Pre-School Manager) is training to run in the Marathon on Sunday 21 April to raise funds to upgrade the Forest School area for the benefit of the children at Pre-School. If you are able to sponsor her please go to the link below. Thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/liz-sampson>



**Have you tried praying?**

Look out for this new resource coming out NEXT WEEK!

<https://www.trypraying.org/>



## **Prayer** Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

**Monday** Creator God help us this week to focus in our prayers on the health of our home, planet Earth.

**Tuesday** We pray for all countries to take effective policies to protect the planet from increased global warming.

**Wednesday** We pray that we find ways locally and nationally to reduce food waste – 9.5 million tonnes/year in UK.

**Thursday** Help us to avoid plastic and other non-recyclable packaging and be encouraged to sort our own waste.

**Friday** One third of fossil fuel emissions can be absorbed by trees. We pray for progress in schemes to protect woodlands.

**Saturday** Thanks for the growing participation in litter picking and beach cleaning. Help us to be part of it.

**Sunday** We pray for all those taking part in the London Marathon especially those raising funds for charities.