



Welcome!
Sunday 16th April 2023

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Sun 16 April	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/4ozTwLkNVs?feature=share

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The 'Eco Action Group'
 Helping us reduce our
 carbon footprint as a
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Collect

Risen Christ,
 for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
 open the doors of our hearts,
 that we may seek the good of others
 and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
 to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Church usually open for visitors and prayer Monday to Friday 12-2pm

Tues 18 April	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 19 April	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 20 April	7pm Girls Allowed <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri 21 April	10am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
Sun 23 April	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'

Readings for today

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²² ‘Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.”

²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’

²⁸ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

News & Events

To vote at the AGM on 14 May you need to be on the electoral roll. Please check the list at the back of church and if you are not on it and would like to be, please complete a form today (or by the end of April) and hand in to Paulina or a welcomer. You need to be aged 16 or over, baptised, and either resident in the parish, or have regularly attended worship over the last 6 months.

Diary date: Annual Church Meeting Sunday 14th May at 4pm. We hear reports about the previous year, look ahead, and vote in churchwardens and a new church council, the 'Parochial Church Council', or 'PCC'.

Nicci Maxwell For the latest news from Nicci in Uganda click on this link
[Nicci Maxwell - April Newsletter](#)

'Energy Audit' As part of our journey towards reducing our carbon footprint, we have a specialist Energy Audit taking place this week. We hope this will help us prioritise the measures we need to make over the coming months and years.

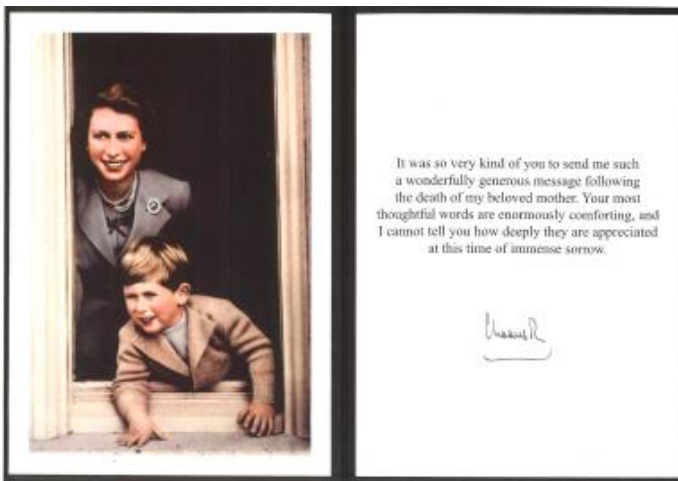
Trip to Ukraine – update from Charlie

The team wish to thank everyone who has been supporting us to raise money to help rehabilitation in Ukraine. We have recently been able to travel to Ukraine to take 25 generators, valued at over £20K, as well as medical equipment for the rehabilitation hospital for soldiers who have lost limbs. We also took beds, bedding, toothbrushes, teddies and many other items, which were primarily for the shelters being set up for evacuees from the front line. Many towns and cities are being completely destroyed, yet still contain many elderly and disabled people unable to escape the carnage. The NGO we are working with (Stay Safe) have been so grateful for our efforts. They are now asking for support for more aid. **Thank you so much for including us and this project in your prayer groups. We would not have been able to do this without it.**

For more information please see our website: www.ukrainegenerators.org

There will also be a presentation at the next **Torbay Men's Breakfast** at the Grand Hotel on **Saturday 13th May** (and there are plans to offer a repeat of this presentation to everyone!) *Charlie Allansen*

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Thank you card from King Charles III

You may remember we sent a card of condolence to King Charles on the death of his mother. We have recently received a lovely thank you card. (The original is pinned up on the notice board in church as I realise this is a bit too small to read!)

Prayers

Suggestions for our prayers this week

Sun As we worship may we remember that we are in God's throne room. Pray too that we may enjoy being with Him and His people.

Mon Pray that President Biden's visit to Ireland this week will help the Good Friday peace agreement to be more effective.

Tue Please pray for the many who attended our Easter service but don't normally attend weekly, that they may come again and experience Christian hospitality and welcome and hear the call of the Lord.

Wed Our Lord offered His disciples peace, which is what we need at the moment. We pray this for Ukraine and so many countries with tensions, fighting and chaos.

Thu With the local Torbay election, forthcoming on 4 May 2023, please pray for engagement, for a proper understanding of the policies of the separate parties and wisdom in voting.

Fri Pray for those who have been affected adversely from the junior doctor's strike. For those left in pain and worry for their future and pray for the Lord to meet them and heal them.

Sat Our children and young people need a leader to help them. Pray that the advert for a worker will attract someone who is suitable for our needs.

Sun We continue to thank God for the Risen Lord Jesus and pray that we may be faithful to Him and let Him shine through our lives.

Coronation Weekend of Celebrations at St Matthias Church

See posters for more information

Tickets for events available from Christine today at the back of church

Friday 5 May 7.30pm 'Coronation Chorus'

Saturday 6 May – watch the Coronation Ceremony on the big screen with tea and cake (time tbc)

Sunday 7 May Church Family Celebratory Lunch (following 11am service).

Last chance to vote for your favourite hymn/worship song and pop it in the post box at the back of church

