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The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

Sun 2 March	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast!</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/28NTOQzdaY8?feature=share
	3pm Newcomers Tea
Mon 3 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 4 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 5 March ASH WEDNESDAY	<i>Communion is at 7pm today (no service at 9am)</i>
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	1.30-2.30pm Time of Prayer with Bishop James <i>All welcome</i>
	7pm Service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
Fri 7 March	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sat 8 March	9am Men's Breakfast at the Grand Hotel <i>torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com</i>
Sun 9 March	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting

Collect Almighty Father,
 whose Son was revealed in majesty
 before he suffered death upon the cross:
 give us grace to perceive his glory,
 that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
 and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Thanks go to:
 Sunday coffee
 makers 😊

Readings

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Luke 9:28-43a

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸ A man in the crowd called out, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.'

⁴¹ 'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.'

⁴² Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

Dates for the diary



TODAY! 3pm Newcomers' Tea If you are new to our church family we'd love to meet and get to know you and hope you can come to our newcomers' tea today. Enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and learn more about St Matt's.

World Day of Prayer Service 7 March at 10.30am at Central Church. See posters.

Sunday Lunch at the Babbacombe Inn 16 March at 1.30pm (not the Hotel) If you would like to go please book with Gill Buick on 07709 727714 by 13th March (latest).



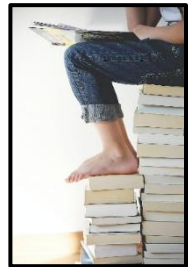
Spring is coming! Why not explore life, faith and meaning?

We will be running an Alpha course this spring. It will start on Monday 24 March and will be on zoom 7.45pm – 9.15pm. Please contact the office if you would like to know more or for the

zoom link.

News

Library Did you know we had a library in the church building? It has a large selection of books which you are very welcome to borrow including some for Lent reading. Why not have a browse after church on a Sunday? You can find it downstairs half way along the corridor on the right. Books are also available in church on the shelf near the kitchen.



Can you help to serve coffee on a Sunday...now and again? We have a rota but it would be great to have a few people who might be able to help at the last minute...well a few days' notice! Please see Sue Day if you would like to help out: robandsued@gmail.com

Prayers for this week

Mon Pray for "peace with justice" in Ukraine and Gaza as negotiations in both areas are finely balanced. Pray for European leaders as they adjust to the new reality with the US. Pray that there be greater unity of purpose as Europeans.

Tue Pray for leaders in the CofE as they meet many challenges - including finding a new archbishop and dealing with safeguarding issues.

Wed "Welcome Space" meets today. Let's pray for an open and relaxed welcome to be given there - but also pray for an openness and welcome in every aspect of church life so we grow in numbers and maturity.

Thurs Conflict in DR Congo and Sudan are causing immense suffering. Pray for leaders everywhere to bring about peace. Pray for the Christian church too as it continues to witness amidst the pain and chaos.

Fri Youth Alpha is coming to a close. Pray that some in the group will want to continue meeting in order to find out what the Bible has to say for their lives.

Sat Most families have time together today. Pray that families and marriages will keep strong as they face the challenges of 2025.

Sun We are made to worship God. Pray for our three different streams of services today - pray for musicians, leaders and preachers.

LENT 2025 Lent Course "Streams of Living Water" by Richard Foster

Over six weeks we will explore six distinct spiritual traditions: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. We'll be learning how each tradition offers unique pathways to deepen one's relationship with God, fostering a holistic Christian spirituality for us as individuals and as church. Each week, we look at a bible character, historical figure and practices within Christianity.

Tuesday evenings beginning 11 March in the Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

Repeated on **Wednesday mornings** in the Lounge at 10am from 12 March

Ash Wednesday 5 March

- Join Bishop James for prayer at St. Matthias 1.30pm – 2.30pm. See posters
- Service of Holy Communion at 7pm (no 9am on 5 March)

LIVING
HOPE

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. Living Hope offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

In the **EVERYDAY FAITH** app, get daily reflections

For your Apple device:



tinyurl.com/mjkufsvz

For your Android device:



tinyurl.com/4tahjnw4



Electoral Roll Becoming a member of the Church Electoral Roll is a good way to show your commitment to the life and mission of our church. It allows you to take part in important decisions: vote in the annual church elections (coming up on May 18th), be eligible for joining the PCC (Parochial Church Council) to play a role in shaping our future together. If you consider St. Matthias to be your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join the roll. (You may already be on the roll, but every 6 years, we have to prepare a brand new roll. Please look out for an email about this or pick up a form at the back of church or see Paulina (ER officer).) Thank you. (And if you would like to receive the weekly notices by email please complete a data protection form – GDPR – also available at the back of church.)

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