



21 February 2021

First Sunday of 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

Sun 21 Feb

9.30am Growzone *online*

10.30am Coffee *on zoom*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16

11am Holy Communion *livestreamed*

Readings: Psalm 25 <https://tinyurl.com/4pfvwmpm>

Matthew 4: 1-11 <https://tinyurl.com/5kwmqo4w>

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to: 😊  
Postmen & women  
and delivery  
drivers

Next Week	
<b>Tues 23 Feb</b>	<b>7.20 for 7:30pm Lent Course <i>on zoom</i> –</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> session begins today on Nehemiah</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3lmqgzja">https://tinyurl.com/3lmqgzja</a> Meeting ID: 942 3556 3192 Passcode: Lent
<b>Sun 28 Feb</b>	<b>9.30am Prayzone <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>on zoom from the Church with Rev Andrew Green preaching</i></b>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i></b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72676199409?pwd=emZqQWNkTWVlYXR0YWdtRHBzb2x5QT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72676199409?pwd=emZqQWNkTWVlYXR0YWdtRHBzb2x5QT09</a> Meeting ID: 726 7619 9409    Passcode: y4zFxp

## St Matthias' 2021 - Two Projects, one Vision

We launched an Appeal recently 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. We are very grateful for those who have so generously given already meaning we are near to the target we had set. If you have not already done so, please give this situation your prayerful consideration. It is wonderful that so many of us have been involved. Thank you.

The more pressing need is for enough regular and committed giving to allow us to advertise for and employ a full time worker to enable God's work amongst those families and young people that He brings us into contact with.

*(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

For the next 3 Tuesdays (beginning on 23 Feb) we're going to be taking a look at the inspirational life and work of Nehemiah led by Lindsay Glazebrook. If you thought this 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**
- And the reflections are also be available on the '**Daily Hope**' phone line 0800 804 8044 – select option number 3!

### 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

Please do make use of the 'North Porch Prayer Space' or use the Labyrinth Prayers on 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.



### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Pray that we may feel the holiness of God as we come into His presence today to worship and adore Him.

**Mon** Praise God for all who are working hard to eradicate Covid 19 in such a friendly, efficient and successful way. Pray for all doctors, nurses, carers, and others who are helping on the front line.

**Tues** Please pray for the Prime Minister and Members of the Government who find themselves between a rock and a hard place. Whatever they try and do it seems wrong to many others. Pray that members of all parties may work together in this battle.

**Wed** There are many in our Church Family who are ill, recently bereaved, worried about their families or have other needs. Please pray that Jesus will meet them in a tangible way to comfort and to heal.

**Thurs** Pray for all the young people of our Parish, many of whom are suffering mentally from the lockdown; many who have worries about how they will be assessed for their GCSEs and A levels which could have a bearing on their whole future.

**Fri** Pray for Nicci Maxwell in her work at Potters Village, in Kisoro in Uganda. May she have wisdom in her dealings with very small babies and children.

**Sat** Pray for the agencies and mission groups we support as a church, and other NGAs who seek to bring aid to the poorer and disadvantaged people of the world.

**Sun** Pray for our staff who faithfully proclaim the Gospel week by week. Pray for Rose who has been doing a placement with us as part of her Reader Training.

## News and dates for the diary

**It is with sadness** that we let you know that Pat Pearson, whom many of you will remember well, passed away peacefully in Hadley Court on Thursday morning. At the moment we don't have any details regarding her funeral, but pray for her daughters, Vanessa and Samantha.

**SPRING HARVEST HOME** 4th - 8th April You can book online and look at the events lined up:

<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>



A **MASSIVE** thank you to Lena who has sent packs out to Church Families.



There are some brilliant ideas from the Exeter Diocese which you can find here:

**Lent Activities for Families:**

<https://tinyurl.com/24gxdf7p>

We would have had a **Book Stall** for Easter if we were in Church, but we can't do that so rather than automatically clicking through to the World's Biggest Online Retailer, try checking out and supporting these Christian Retailers:

**CHOICE WORDS** - our own local bookshop in Newton Abbot:

<https://choicewords.co.uk/> and [01626 334027](tel:01626334027)



**EDEN BOOKS** - <https://www.eden.co.uk> and 0800 6122186



**#take3** a new series of 2 minute reflections from the Diocese...have a browse...

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDz-Tb3G12iA6o1Mib-A4n42ht6IbWTLF>

**Minibus Key** – does anyone have a key for our minibus – if so please could you ring Pere in the office. Thank you.



## Love to Share?

The **Fair Shares Box** has arrived and you will find it in the West Porch 😊 If you would like to take part simply bring



something along and then take as you wish:

- Yes please to labelled seeds and plants
- Yes please to things like books and toys in good condition
- Nothing too big or too heavy
- 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.

**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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