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<b>Sun 23 April</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> where we welcome Hannah Aske, Children & Youth worker - followed by coffee <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8-B6onwaAs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8-B6onwaAs</a>
	<b>5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'</b> informal worship with Holy Communion

**Thanks go to:**



The 'SCYP' teams  
(Schools, Children and Young People)

**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**

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

<b>Tues 25 April</b>	<b>9am Toddlers</b> in the church
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> knit and natter in the church – all welcome
<b>Wed 26 April</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space'</b> in the church
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> practice in church
<b>Fri 28 April</b>	<b>10am Mummy &amp; Me</b> in the church
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Group</b> in the hall – movie night!
<b>Sun 30 April</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am United Family Communion</b> followed by coffee
	<b>3pm Newcomers Tea</b>

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 Please note that our services are often live-streamed

## Readings for today

### Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

### Luke 24: 13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognising him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

<sup>19</sup> 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

## News & Events

**Today, Sunday at 2pm** (23 April) at The Memorial Hall, Parkhill Rd, there is a memorial service for Barry Goldsmith. All welcome.

**Are you 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. Joining the roll enables you to vote at the Church Annual Meeting **on 14 May**. 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 – and it doesn't cost anything!

**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](#)



**A big thank you** to all those who donated towards "Real" Easter Eggs for children of families who use the Torquay Community Larder. They were very much appreciated. Also, to those who contribute food donations to the Larder so faithfully. For the first time in a while we **are short of tinned soup!** Again, any donations of tinned veg or fruit are very welcome. Thank you all again.

**Finance update** We hope to send out a letter soon to everyone in the church to update you about the new Treasurer team, and how you can now make contactless gifts to the church, not only with the card reader but now with a simple QR code. So, do look out for this in your inbox! If you do not receive anything soon, please ask the church office to email or send you one – not everyone has completed the paperwork we need these days to keep your contact details on our database! Thank you. John



**Messy Church date for your diary:** Tues 16 May at 3.15pm

## Suggestions for our prayers this week

**Sun** Pray for Christians facing persecution for their faith. May they know when to speak out and when to be silent.

**Mon** Pray for members of the NHS who are dissatisfied, pray for justice, and for those patients who have had operations cancelled.

**Tues** Many people across the world still do not have access to fresh and clean water. Many do not have sanitary toilets available. Please pray for them and for agencies such as toilet twinning and water aid which seek to provide.

**Wed** Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and other countries where there is friction, hatred and torture.

**Thu** There are folk in our church family who are sick in hospital and at home, those near to death, or who are recently bereaved. Pray God will meet them where they need it.

**Fri** Please pray for children with the continued consequences of the lockdown, for the long term absentee children from schools, for those more anxious about leaving the home, for those lacking in confidence and seeking social acceptability, and for teachers and parents.

**Sat** Pray for His Majesty King Charles and Queen Camilla as they prepare for the Coronation. May they know God's blessing on them.

**Sun** Thank God and pray for all who hold leadership positions in the Church. Pray for preparations for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings.

## Coronation Weekend of Celebrations at St Matthias Church

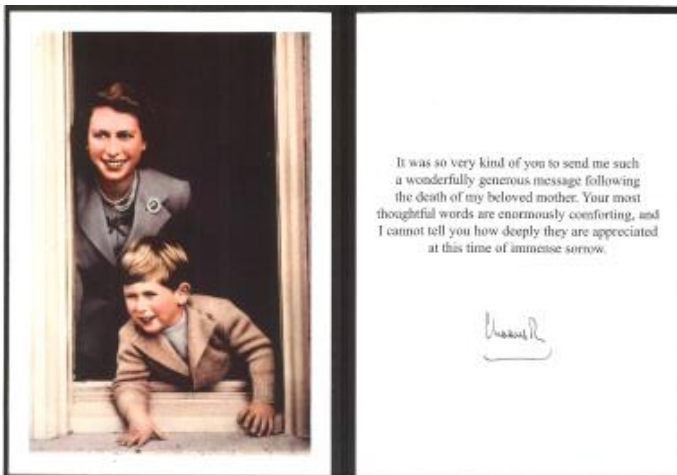
See posters for more information

Tickets for the concert and lunch available 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).



It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow.

Charles

## 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 might be a bit too small to read!)