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Sun 26 Feb	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/GV_yZlqGX_k?feature=share
	12.30pm Baptism of baby Leo
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'

Thanks go to:

 Pre-School staff

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**

<i>Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm</i>	
Mon 27 Feb	7.30pm Lent Course (week 1) <i>in church (with coffee from 7pm)</i>
Tues 28 Feb	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 1 Mar	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	10am Lent Course (week 1) <i>in the lounge</i>
	12-5pm Warm Space <i>in the church</i>
	7pm CAP course <i>in the Lounge</i>
Thu 2 Mar	7.30pm Begin Well – ante natal course <i>in church</i>
Fri 3 Mar	10am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Group <i>messy games night</i>
Sat 4 Mar	9am Men's Breakfast at The Grand Hotel
Sun 5 Mar	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together with breakfast!
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>

Readings for today

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'

³ ¹ Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?''

² The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."''

⁴ 'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. ⁵ 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."''

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."''

⁷ Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."''

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."''

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

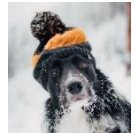
News & Events

Fair Trade Fortnight – 27th Feb to 12th Mar Please could you consider buying a food item with the Fair Trade logo eg tea, coffee, bananas, during this time – and maybe afterwards? This will ensure that the growers have a living wage, decent housing and can afford education for their children and that children are not made to work on the estates. This is one of our Lent challenges! (The Co-op stocks a reasonable choice).

Girls Allowed – Tuesday March 7th 2.30pm – we are looking forward to finding out about lacemaking from Jennifer Lawrence - plus tea and cake. Please phone Judi on 01803 211947 if you haven't replied yet. **Date for your diary** – Thursday 20th April @ 7pm – Table Talk and a mystery speaker! Elaine, Andrea, Susie, Sue and Judi.

Torbay Men's Breakfast Sat 4 March at the Grand. Our speaker is Mike Ellis, a retired policeman. Mike has seen a lot of life that we at home only see on TV and in films. Please can I encourage you to come and hear his story. Breakfast will be served on the dot of 09:00 at a cost of £10.00 inclusive of cereal, tea, coffee, etc.

Warm space – is open every Wednesday from 12-5pm - everyone welcome! Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...



Thank you to everyone who sponsored Easter Eggs for the Pre-school and Food Larder. We have enough money to pay for all the eggs needed! 😊 Linda and Judi

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Sun 26 Feb @ 2pm 'The Rich and the Pure' at the Theatre in Abbey Road

www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com

6-10 March Keswick in Devon
Five days of bible teaching,
fellowship, worship in Sidmouth

www.keswickindevon.org.uk

CREATION FEST – Christian summer conference 3-6th August, Wadebridge in Cornwall. 'Celebrating the good news of a God who loves us' creationfest.org.uk John and Ruth are going – ask for more information or see website. 'Early bird' bookings are open.



WORKING PARTY

SATURDAY 1 APRIL (morning)

Calling all cleaners, gardeners,
and anyone who just fancies

helping to give the church and the grounds a spring clean and a tidy. There'll be cake, coffee and good fun to be had while doing a brilliant job on our lovely church. More info to follow.

THE LENT CHALLENGE from our Eco Group

- ✓ Calculate your personal carbon footprint – <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk> – and try to find ways of decreasing it.
- ✓ Try to car share whenever possible.
- ✓ Replace one item in your regular shop with something that is either Fair Trade or organic.
- ✓ Find out more about COP 28 and pray for meaningful outcomes.

LENT COURSE



Where: In church

When: Monday evenings @
7.30pm and coffee @ 7pm

Also 10am Wednesdays (*Lounge*)

Date: Beginning on 27 Feb/1 Mar

What: The course is called
'Growing Good'.

See video clip for more information

https://youtu.be/Xcw_6CXo8ZY

Worried about your finances?

We're running a free
CAP MONEY COURSE to help
us all think about how we
can spend, save and budget
more wisely

When? 1, 8 and 15 March at 7pm

Where? St Matthias Church Lounge

How do I book?

email: talktous@st-matthias-church.org

christians
against
poverty

or call the church office
01803 214175

CAP

Prayers

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun As we go into Lent pray that the Lent course may draw us closer to our Lord. May we all make **Jesus Lord of our Church**.

Mon Pray for the search for a leader of the SNP in Scotland. Kate Forbes is a Christian and is already under question for her faith.

Tue With further earthquakes please pray for the family and friends in Turkey and Syria, for the rescue attempts, provision of food, clothing, and medical treatment.

Wed Continue praying for Ukraine with the escalation of Russian bombing. Pray for all refugees, some of whom are in Torbay.

Thu As the Bible urges us to do we pray for His Majesty King Charles and His Consort, for the Prince and Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family.

Fri We also pray as instructed for our Prime Minister and all members of the Government and for Kevin Foster our MP.

Sat Pray for all in our fellowship with worries both physical and material. Pray that God will meet them where they need it.

Sun Pray for the Anglican Communion as the churches in the Southern hemisphere are threatening to secede from the Anglican Church as a result of the General Synod's vote. Pray for the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

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Please note that our services are often live-steamed