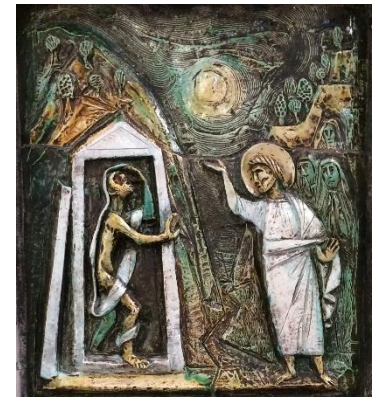


Sunday 26 March 2023

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'I am the resurrection and the life'  
**Welcome!**

**Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel**

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd> or via the church website [www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

- follow links from 'online services and worship resources' home page

<b>Sun 26 Mar</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> followed by coffee <a href="https://youtube.com/live/X3hUX3GfcD0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/X3hUX3GfcD0?feature=share</a>
	<b>5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30pm'</b>

Thanks go to:



The Warm  
Space Teams

**Collect** Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm*

<b>Tues 28 Mar</b>	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
<b>Wed 29 Mar</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>12-5pm Warm Space</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> <i>practice in church</i>
<b>Thurs 30 Mar</b>	<b>2pm Pre-School Easter Service</b>
<b>Fri 31 Mar</b>	<b>10am Mummy &amp; Me</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Group</b> <i>Crazy Golf</i>
<b>Sat 1 April</b>	<b>9am Men's Breakfast at The Grand Hotel</b>
	<b>9.30-3pm Gardening and Cleaning party at St Matts – all welcome!</b>
<b>Sun 2 April</b> <b>Palm</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>with breakfast in the Hall</i>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>

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*Please note that our services are often live-streamed*

## Readings for today

### Romans 8:6-11

#### John 11: 1-45

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.'

<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.'

<sup>8</sup> 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?'

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. <sup>10</sup> It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.'

<sup>11</sup> After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.'

<sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

<sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

<sup>27</sup> 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in

the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

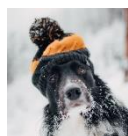
<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## News & Events



**Date for your diary: Messy Church 4 April 3.15pm**

**Coffee Box** returns on Saturday morning 8th April and we'd love to give folks passing a good Easter welcome. We'll be serving hot drinks and pastries and chatting to passers-by. If you are able to help for a couple hours starting 9.30am please either let Pere know in the office or Andrew Stilliard on 07729 362802.



**Warm space may be officially stopping this week – but we're keeping Wednesdays as a Welcome Space ☺ 12/12.30-3pm**

Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...and think and pray about whether you might join the team in serving others in this way.

**Would you like to receive the notices by email?** If so, please complete a GDPR form (data protection) which gives us permission to keep your contact details on our database and to contact you when necessary. Please ask a Welcomer for a form.

**Men's Breakfast @ Grand Hotel Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.** The speaker is David Harwood, an ex-military man training for ordination and currently serving on the team at St. Paul's Preston. Contact Charlie to book [torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com](mailto:torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com)

## Suggestions for our prayers this week

**Sun** Pray that we may all ask the Lord how he would have us serve in the ministry of the church.

**Mon** There has been severe drought in parts of East Africa for several years. Please pray for rain and for provision of food and other supplies.

**Tue** Please pray for all those making preparations for Holy Week and Easter and for the Coronation weekend.

**Wed** Please pray for the future of Warm Space. Pray too for the Ukraine support group/coffee morning. May God be uplifted.

**Thu** Please pray for homeless people. Dear Lord, please meet them in the depths of their despair and give them light, hope, sustenance and salvation.

**Fri** Pray for the countries facing further earthquakes and flooding and other sorts of hardships.

**Sat** Pray that the right person might see the advert for a Youth Worker and reply to it and give those who interview wisdom.

**Sun** Pray for all who share in the leadership especially our wardens, PCC, and Readers. Pray for clergy John and Paul that the Lord will inspire and protect them.

**Coronation Weekend of Celebrations** at St Matthias 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). See posters for more information.

**Vote for your favourite hymn/worship song** and pop it in the post box at the back



## GARDENING & DUSTING 😊

**SAT 1 APRIL 9.30am-3pm**

Please sign up today to help to give the church and gardens a make-over ready for Easter and the Coronation celebrations. There will one team working inside and one outside. Jobs include:

Brass cleaning

Dusting the church

Tidying the church

Tidying the costume cupboard

Outside – weeding, sweeping up leaves etc

Come and join the fun. There'll be coffee

and cake and please bring your lunch.

Come for all or just part of the day.

Thank you.



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

**2 April Palm Sunday**

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Explore Together  
*with breakfast*

11am Holy Communion

**4 April 3.15pm Messy Easter**

**6 April Maundy Thursday**

7pm Holy Communion

**7 April Good Friday**

10am Explore Together

2pm Last Hour at the Cross

**Easter Sunday**

8am Holy Communion

11am United Family Service

