



Welcome



Sunday 3rd March
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Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors
or for personal prayer

Sun 3 Mar	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/PeB7iUPTHZ8?feature=share
Mon 4 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	11.30am Funeral of Pat Haynes
Tues 5 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – <i>knit and natter</i>
	(7 for) 7.30pm Lent Course week 3 (<i>repeated 10am Wednesdays</i>)
Wed 6 Mar	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group
	10am Lent Course <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Fri 8 Mar	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 10 Mar Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

Thanks go to:



Everyone who 'gathers to pray'
each Sunday morning

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Readings

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-25

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, ‘Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!’ ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, ‘What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?’

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’

²⁰ They replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?’ ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

Collect Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord **Amen**

The Lent Course

'Marking Lent'

This year's Lent course is an **exploration of Mark's Gospel** on Tuesday evenings – next one is **5th March at 7.30pm (7pm for refreshments)**.

'Plundering Satan's house' (Repeated on Wed mornings at 10am).

On Maundy Thursday 28 March (from 7- 9pm), we'll listen to the whole of Mark's Gospel together followed by a short service of Holy Communion.

Dates for the diary

Girls Allowed All ladies are welcome to our next meeting on Tuesday 12th March @ 2.30pm in the Peter Larkin Hall where we will be enjoying an afternoon of good company, conversation, craft and refreshments. A variety of easy crafts provided including making handmade Easter cards and decorating jars. Please reply by email or text to elainebiden@hotmail.com or 07974001227 to book your place or for further information. We look forward to seeing you - Sue, Andrea, Susie, Judi, Elaine

13th - 16th March @ 7.30pm 'The Screwtape Letters' (C S Lewis) Unleashed Theatre Company at the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Abbey Road
<https://www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com/whats-on/>

Reflections on the Journey

In *An Evening with Rob Parsons*, (from 'Care for the Family') we invite you to step into the untold stories from Rob's lifetime of overcoming obstacles, letting go of childhood labels and discovering that the past doesn't have to define us.

21st March, 7.30pm – 10pm. Belmont Chapel, Exeter. Tickets £8 – 11. Two complimentary tickets may be available – contact the office.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/an-evening-with-rob-parsons/>

Church Spring Clean 23 March We will be having a Spring Cleaning Day to make the church building even more beautiful for our Easter Celebrations. This will be on Sat 23 March 10 am-3pm - please come for as little or long a time as you are able, hot drinks and homemade cake will be available on a help yourself basis. Please bring a packed lunch if you are planning to be there all day. Please sign the list at the back of church - jobs include cleaning brass, hoovering, sweeping and cleaning wooden floor, light dusting and tidying. Please contact Elaine Biden for further information.

Good Friday 29 March @ 12.30pm Christians Together Walk – meet at the Harbourside. Anyone is welcome to join in.

News

Funeral The funeral for Pat Haynes will be on Monday 4 March at 11.30am. We pray for her family and friends at this time.

De-cluttering We're wanting to dispose of a few redundant items of church furniture that have accumulated over the years and were not original to the church – indeed not all of them are from St. Matthias! There are two small stand-alone prayer desks that have inscriptions on them, so we would like to contact any relatives about these before we do any more. So, if you can help us trace these people, or have an 'Ancestry' account or similar you could use to help, please let the office know. Thank you.

- Frederick and Anna Codner – dated 1935 -
- Thomas John Sloan who died in 1962 from friends of the Grange Dance Circle, Babbacombe

Trip to the Tip! I wonder if anyone is planning a tip to the trip in the next few weeks and if so would you have room for a few things from the church? (A small electric heater and 4 x 5L old containers of cleaning fluid.) If so please contact Pere in the office and thank you!

Supporting our ministry at St Matthias: you can give financially either through the Parish Giving Scheme <http://tinyurl.com/3pzu34sn> or by scanning this code.



Denis Davis We have been informed that Denis Davis has recently died. His family have asked us to let you know that his celebration of life will be at 12 noon on Friday 22 March at St Mary's Wolborough, Newton Abbot and afterwards at Dainton Park, Totnes Rd, TQ12 5TN. We ask for prayers for his family and friends at this time.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for the security of Europe.

Tue Pray for wisdom and compassion to achieve peace between Israel and Hamas. Pray for all those suffering.

Wed Pray for co-operation in our Parliament and for the safety of all our MPs.

Thurs Pray for our children's ministry especially Mummy and Me, Toddlers, Messy Church and Youth Club.

Friday Pray for the environment and pray that bold decisions might be made by those in authority to halt climate change.

Sat Pray for our NHS and those waiting for treatment, all members of staff and for a resolution to the on-going strikes.

Sun Pray for all food banks, those who work in them and all who receive food parcels.