

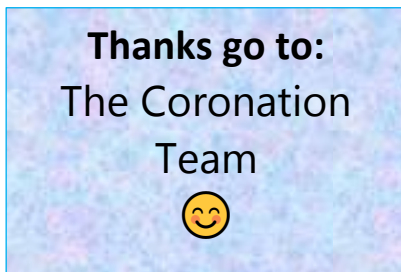


Welcome! Join us in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/5dp72vs6> or via the church website www.st-matthias-church.org

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

Sun 30 April	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Communion followed by coffee https://youtube.com/live/d54NyVbrLKM?feature=share
	3pm Newcomers Tea



Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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

Mon 1 May	Bank Holiday – church and centre closed
Tues 2 May	9am Toddlers in the church
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits knit and natter in the church – all welcome
Wed 3 May	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' in the church
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers practice in church
Fri 5 May	10am Mummy & Me in the church
	7.30pm Coronation Chorus – tickets still available
Sat 6 May	from 10am to watch Coronation Service on big screen with tea and cake – service begins at 11am
Sun 7 May	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together with breakfast!
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee on the piazza
	...and Family Lunch in the church – tickets still available



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 Please note that our services are often live-streamed

Readings for today

John 21:1-25

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered.

⁶ He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is going to betray you?') ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, 'Lord, what about him?'

²² Jesus answered, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.' ²³ Because of this, the rumour spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, 'If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?'

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

News & Events

Annual Church Meeting – is in the church on Sunday, 14th May 2023 at 4pm. We receive the Annual Report & Financial Report for 2022 and elect Churchwardens and PCC members. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to vote though you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. If you aren't on the electoral roll but live in the parish and attend (in person or online) and are over 16 you are entitled to apply. If you live outside the parish you need to have been 'attending' online or in person for at least 6 months. If St Matthias is **your church** you are encouraged to be on the electoral roll. Application forms need to be in on Sunday! Either download:

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f107d5e319c5/content/pages/documents/electoral-roll-application-form-2021.pdf> or at back of church; completed forms to go to Paulina or to the office. No need to reapply if you're already on the roll. **Suzy Wright, PCC Sec**

Nicci Maxwell For the latest news from Nicci in Uganda click on this link
[Nicci Maxwell - April Newsletter](#)

Torquay Community Larder **Thank you** to all those who donate food week by week. For the first time in a while we **are short of tinned soup!** Any donations of tinned soup, veg or fruit are very welcome. Thank you.

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



Finance update Look out for the recent letter in your inbox or pick up a hard copy from the back of church. We hope to reach everyone in the church to update you about the new Treasurer team, and how to make contactless gifts to the church, now with a simple QR code.
Thank you. John

Twin your Bin

Youth Group Sponsored Event Our thriving youth group will be doing a Danceathon on Friday 19th May in aid of Tearfund's bin

twinning programme. This enables projects in developing countries to tackle their own plastic pollution and turn it into useful products. We are hoping to raise at least £150 to twin the church recycling bin or any other wheelie bins if possible. If you feel you could support us, please contact Ali Buckley (07800 576818) or Linda Townsend (07790 640372). Thank you.

Prayer Pentecost Sunday 28 May – the birthday of the church! There will be a special prayer focus on our needy world and the church. Please join us at 10am.



Prayer South West 20 May beginning at 10.30am
www.southwestawake.com for more information.

Thank you to Anthony Hindley for his faithfulness in writing the prayer diary over many years. The diary will continue but it will be shared amongst the prayer ministry team.

Suggestions for our prayers this week

Sun Praise the Lord for the positive presentation of all the work going on amongst our young people. Pray for them all and their leaders.

Mon Praise God for **Lena** and all she has done. Pray for her as she and family prepare to move to Cornwall and pray for people to replace her.

Tue Praise God for **Elaine, Diane and Sylvia** responsible for the “**Toddlers Group**” and “**Pre-school**”, and in all departments pray for volunteers to come forward to help in these and the other groups.

Wed Please see the National broadcasts and pray, not forgetting Ukraine, Sudan and other war torn countries.

Thu Pray for **Ali** and **Linda** who lead the **Youth Club** and pray they help the young people see Jesus.

Fri Praise God for **Lena** and **all who help her** with **Messy Church** and **Mummy and Me**, both of which are drawing in numbers resulting in several baptisms.

Sat Pray for **Nicci Maxwell's** health issues and others who are not well or who have been recently bereaved, that God would meet them.

Sun Please pray for **John** as he leads us. Pray for all the preparations for the **APCMs** today especially the appointment of **Church Wardens** and **new members to the PCC**. Pray too that we will all go forward to **love and serve** the Lord.



'Coronation Chorus Concert' – Friday 5 May at 7.30pm We have favourite hymns from all four nations; a wonderful solo artist (Annie) singing some familiar classics; St Matts Gospellers praising God in their song; Cheryl Bevins leading us in a couple of modern worship songs; and the a cappella group, Yours in Harmony, singing some well-known songs. Valerie will be on the organ and Anya on keyboard, with a little help from our friend Barry on the trumpet. We have counted your votes for your favourite worship song/hymn and the top three will be revealed in our wonderful programme. At £5 per ticket all proceeds go to the Turkey Syria earthquake appeal and entrance includes wine and nibbles in the intermission. Tickets on the door or in church. Irresistible!

Enjoy a glass of wine while you listen to a presentation from Charlie (Allansen) and Rick (Tyler) about their recent trip to get generators and other aid to Ukraine. The presentation will include photos and videos and there will be a complimentary glass of wine. No need to book. Free entry but donations towards Ukraine welcome.