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**The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm**

<b>Sun 6 April</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>with breakfast</i>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/9wfnKMAQAx0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/9wfnKMAQAx0?feature=share</a>
<b>Mon 7 April</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom</b> – <i>details below</i>
	<b>7.45pm Alpha course – session 2</b> - <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Tues 8 April</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom</b> – <i>details below</i>
	<i>No Toddlers this week</i>
	<i>No Knits this week</i>
	<b>7.30pm Lent Course – session 5</b> <i>in the Hall with coffee at 7pm</i>
<b>Wed 9 April</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10am Lent Course – session 5</b> <i>(repeated from y/d) in the Lounge</i>
	<b>12-2pm Welcome Space</b> <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matt’s Gospel Singers</b>
<b>Sat 12 April</b>	<b>9am Men’s Breakfast at the Grand Hotel</b>
<b>Sun 13 April</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	<b>6.30pm Churches Together Service</b> – <i>with coffee/tea from 6pm</i>

**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**

**Thanks go to:**  
The Sunday Coffee Teams



**For Morning Prayer online,** we use the Church of England ‘Daily Prayer’ app and this zoom link  
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

## Readings

### Isaiah 43:16-21

This is what the Lord says—

he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed, out like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland,

to give drink to my people, my chosen,

<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

### John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> ‘Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages. <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> ‘Leave her alone,’ Jesus replied. ‘It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.’

### **LENT COURSE "Streams of Living Water" by Richard Foster**

Over six weeks we are exploring six distinct spiritual traditions: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. We are learning how each tradition offers unique pathways to deepen our relationship with God, fostering a holistic Christian spirituality for us as individuals and as church. Each week we look at a bible character, historical figure and practices within Christianity.

**Tuesday evening 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Hall 7pm for 7.30pm**

Repeated **Wednesday morning 9<sup>th</sup> April in the Lounge at 10am**

*The final session will be held as part of the Communion Services at 9am on Wednesday 16/4 and 7pm on Maundy Thursday 17/4*

## Dates for the diary



**It's Messy Easter time! 15 April at 3.15pm.**  
Come and have some fun, and food, and hear all about God's love for us.



**TOMORROW Alpha Course** – next meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April on zoom from 7.45-9.15pm. If you would like to join, please contact the office or one of the clergy.

**Sunday Lunch Easter Sunday 20 April** Our next lunchtime get together will be on Easter Sunday at 1.30pm at the Babbacombe Inn. Please let Gill Buick know if you would like to come by 17<sup>th</sup> April. Tel: 07709 727714

Announcing the return on **18 June 2025** of the major **ST MATTHIAS DREAM AUCTION**. We are seeking 'promises' (goods and services) for sale at the Auction. Can you help – or do you know someone who could? All proceeds in aid of the St Matthias Green Projects and Rowcroft Hospice. Please contact the auctioneer Tim Dickinson on 07879 445146 or [tim@irvinenott.co.uk](mailto:tim@irvinenott.co.uk)

## News

**Electoral Roll - Deadline 20 April** Have you completed your electoral roll form yet? A new electoral roll is currently being prepared and everyone wanting to join needs to complete a new form or re-sign the old one. Please pick up a form in church or see Paulina at the end of services. Thank you.

**PCC minutes** If anyone would like a copy of minutes from the meeting in January please contact the office.

**Church furniture** We have various small pieces of church furniture which are surplus since the re-ordering took place. We are now in a position to pass these on to anyone who would be interested. They will be on display in the south aisle on Sunday 13 April. Please have a word with one of the wardens if you would like to give a home to any of the furniture.



This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. Living Hope offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

In the **EVERYDAY FAITH app**, get daily reflections

For your Apple device:  For your Android device: 

[tinyurl.com/mjkufsvz](https://tinyurl.com/mjkufsvz) [tinyurl.com/4tahjnw4](https://tinyurl.com/4tahjnw4)



## *Prayers for this week*

**Mon** The Alpha Course is running again this evening. Please pray that more people will hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Tue** Please pray for all those involved in the Parish Visiting this week. May it be an opportunity for us to reach more people in our community.

**Weds** Please pray for the Lent Course and that all those who have been attending may gain a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ.

**Thurs** Lord, help us to live like Jesus and to extend mercy and love to everyone regardless as to how they respond.

**Fri** We pray for those who have been bereaved recently. May they be aware of God's presence, love and comfort at this difficult time.

**Sat** Lord, we pray that you would raise up good leadership both in church and in our society as we seek to do your will.

**Sun** Father, on this Palm Sunday may we be reminded of the tremendous sacrifice you made for us all on the cross.

### **EASTER SERVICES – see posters**

#### **13 April Palm Sunday**

8am Prayer Book Communion

9.30am Informal, family service in hall

11am Morning Worship

6.30pm Churches Together in Torquay Service

#### **17 April Maundy Thursday**

7pm Holy Communion

#### **18 April Good Friday**

10am All Age Service with hot cross buns

2pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' reflective service

#### **20 April Easter Sunday**

8am Prayer Book Communion

9.30am Informal, family communion service in hall

11am Holy Communion



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