



# Welcome



**7 March 2021**

Third Sunday of Lent

[www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

### Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

It may be simpler to find all the services by looking at the different PLAYLISTS on St Matthias YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ/playlists>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

<b>Sun 7 March</b>	<b>9.30am Breakfastzone</b> <i>online</i>
	<b>10.30am Coffee</b> <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09</a> Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975    Passcode: Jo3v16
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>livestreamed</i>
	<b>Readings:</b> BFZ – Mark 10:17-27 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/d6htsjhy">https://tinyurl.com/d6htsjhy</a> Holy Communion - John 2:13-22 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/8xwuwu3n">https://tinyurl.com/8xwuwu3n</a> - Exodus 20:1-17 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/hz9txstf">https://tinyurl.com/hz9txstf</a>

**Collect**  
Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Thanks go to: 😊**  
**Home schoolers**

Next Week	
<b>Tues 9 Mar</b>	<b>7.20 for 7:30pm Lent Course</b> <i>on zoom</i> <b>3rd session on Nehemiah</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3lmggzja">https://tinyurl.com/3lmggzja</a> Meeting ID: <b>942 3556 3192</b> Passcode: <b>Lent</b>
<b>Sun 14 Mar</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>online</i>
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am Ozone</b> <i>online</i>
	<b>10.30am Coffee</b> <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09</a>

	Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975    Passcode: Jo3v16 <b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>livestreamed</i> <b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77062533450?pwd=bWpDb1NvejN0TDhOVkFiQnNXMGl1dz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77062533450?pwd=bWpDb1NvejN0TDhOVkFiQnNXMGl1dz09</a> Meeting ID: 770 6253 3450 Passcode: 58Nxxj
<b>Tues 16 Mar</b>	7.30pm 'Our Pandemic Experience' <i>on zoom (Part 1)</i> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98332567915?pwd=T3p2djBCTnBOVksKWW9PODJsOW9YZz09">https://zoom.us/j/98332567915?pwd=T3p2djBCTnBOVksKWW9PODJsOW9YZz09</a> Meeting ID: 983 3256 7915    Passcode: 930738

## 'OUR PANDEMIC EXPERIENCE - Journey towards Recovery'

*Two, one-hour sessions to begin to help us process all that has, and is happening to us, the church, and the nation.*

**16<sup>th</sup> March - part 1. 23<sup>rd</sup> March - part 2**

Communities who have experienced traumatic events of all sorts – from natural disasters, terrorist atrocities, to this sort of pandemic – discover that recovery is a slow business.

People also all find they are often unexpectedly angry, anxious, and feel a general malaise where energy levels are low.

The rebuilding process is really helped when people share stories of how the trauma has affected them personally. This will be particularly true for us given how isolating the whole experience has been.

Further, sharing what we have learned from what has happened is also very valuable. It can even be surprising, since amongst the trauma we often find new things to appreciate and be thankful for.

As Christians, spending time reflecting and talking together also helps us to be honest to God in our prayers, and begins to help us consider how we might rebuild.

**So, do join us on two Tuesday evenings on zoom – 7.30 – 8.30pm**

**Part 1 on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Part 2 on 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

There is a handout you can download here that we will be using, which you may like to look at beforehand. <https://www.cpas.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/CPAS%20-%20My%20Pandemic%20Experience%20-%20Church.pdf>

There is also material especially designed for families, and another for young people. If you would like to find out more, please contact John on [jandrbeckett@outlook.com](mailto:jandrbeckett@outlook.com)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98332567915?pwd=T3p2djBCTnBOVksKWW9PODJsOW9YZz09>  
3256 7915    Passcode: 930738

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## Two Projects, One Vision

Amazingly, thank God, we have already met the Wellspring shortfall target. We are also **three quarters of the way towards the target for the SCYP worker**. So thank you if you have already given or pledged money to either of these projects.



However, if we are to go ahead and advertise the post in time for a September appointment, **we will still need further pledges please** – so do continue to think and pray about whether you can support this work too. We fully appreciate that this is over and above your usual giving to the church, and that for many people, the pandemic has been very costly.

There is a letter you can read and more information on the church website, including a donation form and ways to contact Tony, the Treasurer at <https://www.st-matthias-church.org/information/wellspringscyp-appeal/>



### Bible Study Course "Nehemiah" - a story for our time

Last session this Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Nehemiah's energy, passion, integrity and love for God and His people in a very challenging time are just what we need to emulate in our own challenging times. Look forward to seeing you! *Lindsay*

Each session begins live on zoom at 7.30pm (and will end by 9pm) so that we can also have discussions in smaller groups. The main talks and questions for discussion will also be recorded and put onto the YouTube channel the following day, so that you can take part at any time.

You can watch the introductory talk here <https://youtu.be/wwQYwWXJtdg>  
And also the previous Tuesday's talks here <https://youtu.be/80NV7ea4mHQ>

### #Live Lent: God's Story, Our Story. Daily reflections

*For each of the 40 days of Lent, there is a short Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer. The daily reflections follow weekly themes - each with an accompanying action - drawn from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, Living His Story: Sharing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele (SPCK)."*

- You can sign up free now for **daily email reflections**: [tinyurl.com/1mox7d5x](https://tinyurl.com/1mox7d5x)
- Or there is also an **App you can easily download too**
- And the reflections are also available on the  
**'Daily Hope' phone line** 0800 804 8044 – select option number 3!

### Prayer

Please do make use of the 'North Porch Prayer Space' or use the Labyrinth Prayers on the pattern on the piazza – there are leaflets in the West porch.

We would also be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

**Morning Prayer** – join in at 9.00 – 9.30am on Mondays and Tuesdays on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/yazznxns> and also the Order of Service can be found on the Church of England website here: <https://tinyurl.com/27ukmm6j>

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun.** Pray for all leading our worship today. May we remember that even if we worship at home online or with others that we are on "Holy Ground" and in the presence of a holy and awesome God. Pray for Rose Wills now back in her training Parish of Babbacombe.

**Mon.** Pray for those who help us – postal workers, council operatives, school and hospital cleaners and porters, motor mechanics etc.

**Tue.** Pray that the "Fair Shares" box will be used by the right people and be a help during this lockdown period. May people be led to put just the right things in to meet people's needs in body, soul, and spirit.

**Wed.** During this fortnight of Fair Trade pray that there will be parity and fairness with all producers of food, especially in poorer countries. Pray too, for our own farmers, especially dairy farmers who get so little in the sale of milk.

**Thu.** Pray for the staff and children of the St. Matthias Pre-School. Pray that members of the church may be generous in giving plants etc. for their out-door area which needs planting up by the little people.

**Fri.** Remember those in prison and detention centres who cannot have regular, if any, visitors due to Covid 19. May they know God indwelling them with His peace.

**Sat.** Many in the church are unwell, in hospital, care homes or are grieving the loss of loved ones. Many face tensions of many kinds, and depression and anger. Pray that the Lord will meet them where they need His hand of strength, comfort and guidance.

**Sun.** Pray for the Staff Team, PCC and all who are involved in the struggle to know when to return to our church building for worship.

## News and dates for the diary

There are some brilliant ideas from the Exeter Diocese which you can find here:

### Lent Activities for Families:

<https://tinyurl.com/24gxdf7p>



**SPRING HARVEST HOME** 4th - 8th April. You can book online and look at the events lined up:

<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>

We would have had a **Book Stall** for Easter if we were in Church, but we can't do that - so rather than automatically clicking through to the World's Biggest Online Retailer, try checking out and supporting these Christian Retailers:

**CHOICE WORDS** - our own local bookshop in Newton Abbot:

<https://choicewords.co.uk/> and [01626 334027](tel:01626334027)



**EDEN BOOKS** - <https://www.eden.co.uk> and 0800 6122186



**#take3** a new series of 2 minute reflections from the Diocese...have a browse...

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDz-Tb3G12iA6o1Mib-A4n42ht6lbWTLF>



### Love to Share?

The **Fair Shares Box** has arrived and you will find it in the West Porch

☺ If you would like to take part simply bring something along and then take as you wish:



- Yes please to labelled seeds and plants
- Yes please to things like books and toys in good condition
- Nothing too big or too heavy
- No food please as that is shared through the Torquay Community Larder

If you like the box, please let us know. Please contact Rob and Sue Day if you have any questions on 07550 013101.

**Torquay Community Larder** is still operating and in need of donations. In particular they are short of the following items:

Tinned Peas, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Squash, Jam, Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Toilet Rolls. They have enough pasta and sanitary items and toiletries.

Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection. (Unfortunately donations cannot be left in church at the moment.)



**Fairtrade Fortnight** 22 February - 7 March This year's theme is climate change and the impact of this on Fairtrade farmers and producers around the world. Have a look here: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

**ST MATTHIAS PRE-SCHOOL** *With Spring around the corner, the Pre-School staff are keen to get the outside 'forest' area ready for the children to enjoy. We would be very grateful if anyone has any spare plants if they could let the Pre-School staff have them for growing on in their greenhouse or planting outside. If anyone would like to spend an hour or two as part of your 'once a day exercise' helping to tidy the grounds and planting, that too would be very much appreciated. Please ring the Pre-School to arrange on 01803 215068.*

**To contact the Church:**

Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

**Office:** 01803 214175 [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)

**Rector:** John Beckett 01803 293119

**Asst Minister:** Paul Barton 07807 636470