



Thomas declared
'My Lord and my God!'



Welcome!
Sunday 7th April

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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 7 April	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together with breakfast!
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee https://youtube.com/live/ehoBQr9jKVk?feature=share
Mon 8 April	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
Tues 9 April	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
	No Knits today (back on 16th)
Wed 10 April	9am Holy Communion
	10am – 12 noon Ukraine support group in the church
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' in the church
Sun 14 April	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service followed by tea/coffee

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



**St.Matt's Gospel
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Readings

Acts 4: 32-35

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

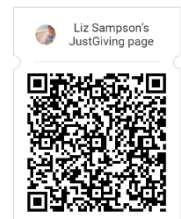
³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Requests

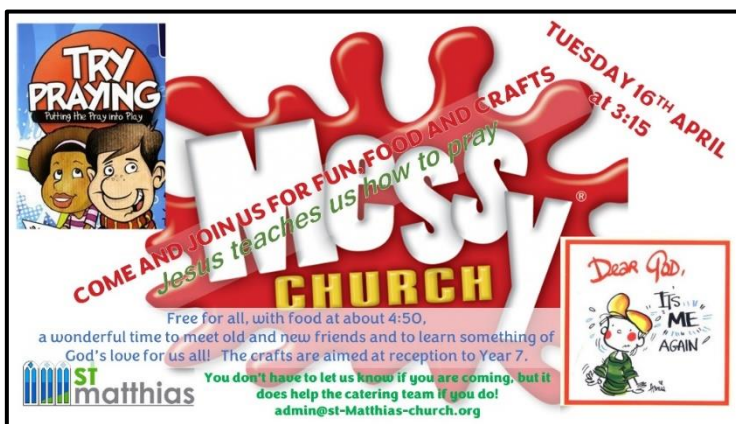
Men's clothing requested Charlie Allansen has asked if we can include this request in our notices. Yuliia Polutska of the Torbay Communities is in need of men's clothing, of all types and sizes. Yuliia is working with refugees in Torbay and is asking for help in this task. She can be contacted on 07442 646022 or through the website: <https://www.torbaycommunities.com/>

Torquay Community Larder Thanks the church for their continued support and regular donations. As well as food, they are happy to receive washing powder, tooth paste, loo rolls, shower gel, washing up liquid, shampoo and deodorant. Thank you!

Help us nurture our nature area! Liz (Pre-School Manager) is training to run in the Marathon on Sunday 21 April to raise funds to upgrade the Forest School area for the benefit of the children at Pre-School. If you are able to sponsor her please go to the link below. Thank you!
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/liz-sampson>



Dates for the diary



Messy Church 16 April from 3.15pm. Why not give it a try!

APCM 19 May @ 4.30pm – advance notice of our Annual Church Meeting.

Electoral Roll If you have been worshipping here for longer than 6 months you can join the Electoral Roll, which enables you to vote at the APCM and to help to make decisions for our church. Please see Paulina or fill in a form that is at the entrance of the church.

News

Wednesday Bible Study We would love anyone who is available to join us on a Wednesday morning as we study characters from the bible. The next session is on 17 April @ 10am in the Lounge and then on alternate Wednesdays. All welcome! For more information please contact Ali Buckley on 07800 576818.

Have you tried praying?

Look out for this new resource coming out later in April.

trypraying.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Prince of Peace, we pray for places torn apart by war; cities razed to the ground and communities brought to their knees. Cause your resurrection life and hope to rescue and restore innocent victims, protect peacemakers and aid workers and your church in these situations.

Tues We remember nearly 30,000 migrants who in 2023 crossed the Channel in small boats to seek asylum. Help the government to find humane and workable strategies to deal with this, keeping people safe and have compassion for their needs.

Wed We pray for those forced to live on the streets for whatever reason. Help agencies, charities and local government to continue their support and to develop strategies to reduce the number needing support.

Thurs Father, we pray for safety and healing of those victims of domestic abuse. Thank you for organisations and helplines that offer advice and support for many of whom have nowhere else to turn.

Fri We pray for people with addictions that both harm themselves and others. Help them to reach a place of wanting to be free and able to find love and support. May they find your strength and grace.

Sat We remember those in police forces and emergency services who are faced with distressing and traumatic events as they respond to accidents and cases of serious violence. Guard them from harm and stress as they protect and help others.

Sun Today is World Health Day and 75th anniversary of the World Health Organisation. Equip health workers responding to public health problems in the neediest areas of the world. We pray especially for Christian health missions as they reach out with your love.

Lord of life,
your Son has burst the bounds of the grave.
Roll away the stone of our doubts;
Let us trust you.
Roll away the stone of our reserve;
Let us proclaim you.
Roll away the stone of our apathy,
Let us serve you.
Roll away the stone of our heavy hearts;
Let us rejoice in you now and always. Amen.

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