



Welcome!

Sunday 9th March 2025

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

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

Sun 9 March	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> youtube.com/live/k-rrjqBTkn8
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting
Mon 10 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 11 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt’s Knits
	7.30pm Lent Course <i>in the Hall with coffee at 7pm</i>
Wed 12 March	9am Holy Communion
	10am Lent Course <i>(repeated from yesterday in the Lounge)</i>
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
Fri 14 March	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 16 March	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

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

Thanks go to:

Paulina –
Electoral Roll
Officer 😊

Readings

Romans 10: 8b-13

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’

⁴ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone.”’

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, ‘I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.’

⁸ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”’

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

¹² Jesus answered, ‘It is said: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Dates for the diary

Sunday Lunch at the Babbacombe Inn 16 March at 1.30pm (not the Hotel) If you would like to go please book with Gill Buick on 07709 727714 by 13th March (latest).



The next Alpha course is starting on Monday 24th March on zoom from 7.45-9.15pm. If you would like to join, please contact the office or one of the clergy.

News

Emerging Generations Team Leader Appointment We are delighted that this post has been filled. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this appointment practically, prayerfully and financially. Helen Baker will be commencing after Easter and she is going to be a valuable addition to our ministry team. We are so looking forward to this next stage in our ministry to children, youth and their families.

Parish Visiting Following last September's successful mission outreach in local streets, we are planning some more, 31 March - 11 April. We want to share the love of Jesus along with news of services and activities at St Matthias for all ages. Perhaps you would like to join a pair going door-to-door, or be a prayer supporter? If new to visiting, be assured you can go with someone who has done it before. Further details and training will be given in a short meeting after the 11am Sunday service on a choice of 16 or 23 March. For more information, contact: Mike Higgins (07702 457350), or Joanna Wilkinson (07910 828321).

Can you help to serve coffee on a Sunday...now and again? We have a rota but it would be great to have a few people who might be able to help at the last minute...well a few days' notice! Please see Sue Day if you would like to help out: robandsued@gmail.com

St Mary Mags is looking for volunteers to help in their new 'Wash Room'. Please see posters for more information or email: office@stmags.org.uk

Electoral Roll A new electoral roll is currently being prepared and everyone wanting to join needs to complete a new form or re-sign the old form. Please pick up a form in church or see Paulina at the end of services. Thank you.

Prayers for this week

Mon Pray for the committee stage of the Assisted Dying bill. This hugely significant legislation needs "to get it right" to protect generations to come.

Tue Pray for the Lent Course as it begins today. Pray the course enriches our lives and deepens our relationship with Christ.

Wed Pray for level-heads in Europe and the US as leaders seek a secure, lasting and just peace in Ukraine. Pray that true statesmen and stateswomen will arise to give wise, firm and gracious leadership.

Thurs Pray for John and Ruth as they contemplate their move to Bideford. Pray for Church Wardens, staff, the PCC and volunteers as they plan for the vacancy.

Fri As the Youth Club meet today, remember Helen Baker as she prepares to take up leadership of "Emerging Generations".

Sat Remember in prayer those who work among the vulnerable in Torbay - especially the homeless and those suffering domestic abuse.

Sun Pray for our worship services that the life and power of the Spirit of God will be evident in all we do.

Congratulations to Ruth Beckett and news about John - Ruth has been appointed as Team Vicar of 'Bideford and the Four Villages', beginning in July...which means that both John and Ruth will be leaving us in early June. While it will be a huge wrench to leave here, they look forward to ministering in the same communities once more. They will be moving back into the Wellswood Rectory in the coming weeks, but will then have another move to North Devon! Please keep them, and the leadership team at St Matthias in your prayers at this time of change for all of us.

Easter Eggs Once again, the Food Larder is giving Easter Eggs with an Easter story booklet to children whose families use the Larder. If you would like to sponsor an egg, please give £5.50 to Linda Townsend, Mike Higgins or Judi Stannard. If we raise more than the £110 needed, the extra money will pay for smaller eggs with Easter leaflets for Messy Church.

LIVING HOPE

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	tinyurl.com/4tahjnw4



STARTING THIS WEEK LENT COURSE "Streams of Living Water" by Richard Foster

Over six weeks we will explore six distinct spiritual traditions: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. We'll be learning how each tradition offers unique pathways to deepen one's 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 evenings beginning 11 March in the Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

Repeated on **Wednesday mornings** in the Lounge at 10am from 12 March

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