



Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.*

Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
6pm	Winter Night Shelter – the final session at St Matthias

During the Week

Tues 	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents & toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>in church</i>
Wed 	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of Christian Aid in the Hall</i>
	6-7pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	7.45pm Alpha course <i>in church</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price room</i>
	2.30pm Chat@St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>
	7.15pm Lent Course <i>in the Hall with speaker Alison Jackson</i>
Sat	10am – 2pm Pre-School Easter Fayre <i>in the Pine Room</i>

Sunday 6 March Mothering Sunday

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall with breakfast from 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion with visiting preacher John Samways

Readings

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.' ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Luke 13: 1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.' ⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?" ⁸ "Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week	
Today	The right use of the Mini Bus, praying it will be a blessing for those without transport.
Mon	The sick, housebound and all in need.
Tues	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship - speaker David Harley on 8 March.
Wed	For the Alpha course at St Matthias.
Thurs	The Lent Course and the speaker Alison Jackson.
Fri	For plans to re-order church. May they be done peacefully and to God's glory.
Sat	For our Government and all involved in the preparation of the referendum. Pray for Kevin Foster as he has influence in our area.
Sun	Mothering Sunday - pray for and thank God for all mothers. For all who are leading the various services today. May they feel the Holy Spirit directing their words and actions.

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.

What's On & News

The Lent Course on prayer continues this week on 3 March at 7.15pm in the Hall. Speaker Alison Jackson, an Anglican Solitary called to a life of prayer.

Passionate about Fairtrade? It's Fairtrade Fortnight from 29 Feb – 13 March and there will be a display of goods on Sunday 6 & 13 March to remind people about its importance. See poster about a Fairtrade event in Exeter on 7 March.

Tues 8 March 10-12.30pm at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh Exeter Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship 'We Preach Christ Crucified' speaker David Harley. For more information contact Ian Lane or see poster in Hall.

Entertaining Angels A 'Friends of St Matthias' special charity performance by TOADS at the Little Theatre, St Marks Rd, Torquay on **12 March** at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale after the morning service priced £8.50. Proceeds to the Friends.

Pam and Kev Sanders' youngest daughter Natasha (who some may remember as Kim - she changed her name), is getting married **on Saturday 12 March** at

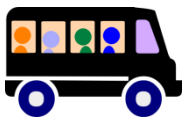
2pm at Upton Vale Baptist Church. Anyone from the church family here at St Matthias are welcome at UV. Thank you Kev Sanders.

B2gether Celebration Sunday 13 March 3-4pm at Upton Vale Baptist Church – a special inclusive time of worship for everyone, including those with additional needs, their support workers, families and friends, followed by refreshments.

Men's Breakfast 13 March at 9am Palace Hotel with speaker Brian Gerry.

Contact Charlie to book c.allansen@btinternet.com

Church AGM Sunday 24 April 11.30am. If you would like to know more about the PCC, what it does and the areas of business which it considers, or if you are considering standing for the PCC at the annual meeting in April, copies of the latest minutes are now available to view in the black folder by the door of the Hall. If you wish to join the electoral roll, forms are available in church or from the office at any time.



St Matthias now has its own minibus. If you'd like to use it; or have a lift to church on Sundays at 10.30, or know of anyone who might, please sign up on list at back of church or see Pere in the office.

John Leigh OBE would have been 100 years old on 1 March. There are copies of a letter from Peter Larkin at the back of church with more information about John who was a previous churchwarden here.

Help please! The church cleaning and coffee making teams need you!

The existing **church cleaning** team is short of 2 people to clean once every 6 weeks. Please see Jean Fricker.

The **Sunday morning coffee making** team needs swelling too please. Please see Sheila if you can help. (Please could existing coffee makers pick up the new rota for next Sunday and beyond from their pigeon holes **today**. Thank you.

The St Matthias Pre-School provides an amazing natural outdoor area which the children adore, but currently looks a bit tired so needs some refurbishment. We are planning to extend the area with the help of a group of parents who have offered their services for free. We would like to raise some funds to purchase some new equipment so donations would be welcome and we have set up a BTMyDonate website through which donations can be made and gift aided if donors are tax payers. Please would you consider supporting this project. The website is: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lizsampson1>
Many thanks, Sylvia (Chair of Pre-School Management Committee)