



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	Combined Family Communion
During the Week	
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	6-7pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Sunday 3 April	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
During the Week	
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30-4.30pm Chat@StMatts <i>in the Hall</i>
Sunday 10 April	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the church with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

Collect

God of glory,
 by the raising of your Son
 you have broken the chains of death and hell:
 fill your Church with faith and hope;
 for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open
 in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Readings for Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 (Message)

³⁴⁻³⁶ Peter fairly exploded with his good news: “It’s God’s own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he’s doing it everywhere, among everyone.

³⁷⁻³⁸ “You know the story of what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee after John preached a total life-change. Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him.

³⁹⁻⁴³ “And we saw it, saw it all, everything he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem where they killed him, hung him from a cross. But in three days God had him up, alive, and out where he could be seen. Not everyone saw him—he wasn’t put on public display. Witnesses had been carefully handpicked by God beforehand—us! We were the ones, there to eat and drink with him after he came back from the dead. He commissioned us to announce this in public, to bear solemn witness that he is in fact the One whom God destined as Judge of the living and dead. But we’re not alone in this. Our witness that he is the means to forgiveness of sins is backed up by the witness of all the prophets.”

Luke 24: 1-12 (NIVUK)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”’ ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like

nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Some topics for our prayers for the Easter period

"Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Hallelujah"

Praise God that Jesus is alive and we serve a risen Saviour.

Pray for more order in our chaotic world. Pray for world leaders as they search for peace.

Remember ALL who are ill or disabled right now, especially for Suzie Young. May they know the healing hand of Jesus upon them.

Remember before God all the churches in the Bay. Many of the leaders will be taking a rest after the business of Eastertide. Remember John and Ruth Beckett particularly.

Pray for the young people of the Bay, that they will be kept safe this holiday.

We remember all members of the emergency services, the fire service, ambulance, police, doctors and nurses and any others!

Pray for ourselves, families and friends, that we may walk faithfully with our Risen Lord.

What's On & News

Men's Breakfast 9 April at 9am at Kent's Cavern Cafe. To book contact Charlie on 07917 005406 or c.allansen@btinternet.com

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 24 April 11.30am. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please pick up a form from the back of church and return it to the office before 10 April when the Roll will close. Being on the Roll enables you to vote at the APCM and stand for the PCC (if you've been on the roll for 6 months). **NB If you are already on the Roll, there is no need to apply again this year.** If you would like to know more, copies of the latest minutes are now available to view in the Hall.

The St Matthias Pre-School provides an amazing natural outdoor area which the children adore. We are planning to refurbish the area with the help of some parents who have offered their services for free. We'd like to buy some new equipment - donations would be welcome via a BTMyDonate website we've set up (gift aid for tax payers). <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lizsampson1>
Thank you. *Sylvia*

Westminster Trip in June Places are still available. We leave St Matthias by coach at 1pm Sunday 26th June, and return from Westminster on Friday evening Monday 27th June. We shall visit Parliament on Monday as guests of our MP, Kevin Foster. Bus travel £32 return, hotel (Premier Inn County Hall) overnight £95 double or single occupancy. Seats are available on the coach for anyone else who'd like to visit London. Please speak to Rob Newman on 01803 524215 for details.

Thank you from Suzy Young for the love, prayers and good wishes that we have received from so many people. Happy Easter to you all. Suzy and Colin

Torquay Community Larder due to start soon and seeking volunteers. If you'd like to help please contact the office. This service is working alongside Anode who will still need our support as will Factory Row. (Boxes at the back of church for your donations.)

It Takes Two – Building a Lasting Marriage Together 7.30pm on Thurs 12 May at the Riviera Centre - a Care for the Family event. For more info see www.careforthefamily.prg.uk/ittakestwo

Sat 23 April St George's Day Annual Dinner and Entertainment in aid of Rowcroft. 7 for 7.30pm in the Hall at St Matthias. Tickets £12.50 available from Sheila (297656) or Elaine (390222). Traditional roast dinner, followed by musical entertainment and community singing of well-known English songs.

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!