



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)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Winter Night Shelter
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Lent Course begins in the Hall
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12 noon-1.30pm Lent Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Café – speaker John Beckett
Sunday 12 March	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Monthly prayer meeting in the church
6pm	Winter Night Shelter (final session)

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

Readings

2 Kings 12: 4-14 (CEV)

⁴One day, Joash said to the priests, “Collect all the money that has been given to the LORD’s temple, whether from taxes or gifts, ⁵and use it to repair the temple. You priests can contribute your own money too.”

⁶But the priests never started repairing the temple. So in the twenty-third year of his rule, ⁷Joash called for Jehoiada and the other priests and said, “Why aren’t you using the money to repair the temple? Don’t take any more money for yourselves. It is only to be used to pay for the repairs.” ⁸The priests agreed that they would not collect any more money or be in charge of the temple repairs.

⁹Jehoiada found a wooden box; he cut a hole in the top of it and set it on the right side of the altar where people went into the temple. Whenever someone gave money to the temple, the priests guarding the entrance would put it into this box. ¹⁰When the box was full of money, the king’s secretary and the chief priest would count the money and put it in bags. ¹¹Then they would give it to the men supervising the repairs to the temple. Some of the money was used to pay the builders, the woodworkers, ¹²the stonecutters, and the men who built the walls. And some was used to buy wood and stone and to pay any other costs for repairing the temple.

¹³While the repairs were being made, the money that was given to the temple was not used to make silver bowls, lamp snuffers, small sprinkling bowls, trumpets, or anything gold or silver for the temple. ¹⁴It went only to pay for repairs.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’

⁴Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. ⁶‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”’

⁷ Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."'

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.



'Grounded in Faith... ...Growing to Serve'

Today marks the launch of the appeal to raise money to pay for the redevelopment project. Please collect your named envelope from the back of church which

contains a special brochure about this. (If you can't find yours please let us know.)

For your prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for all leading worship in Church and Breakfastzone. Pray for all thinking of joining Youth Alpha and for Ruth Jones who will be leading them.
Mon	Remember Amy and David Roche our CMS Mission Partners in Beirut. Pray for their family some of whom live in this country.
Tues	Praise God and pray for the Patrons of the Parish and for the main charities we support, especially the Church Pastoral Aid Society.
Wed	Pray for all in the church planning a move in the near future, that they may know God's plan and will in it all.
Thurs	Please pray for Stephen Yates as he ministers amongst us and goes on with his training to be a priest.
Fri	Pray for our divided world and all who suffer in it, due to famine or political disruption.
Sat	Pray for all who are ill or finding life hard - that they may know God's healing and presence at all times.
Sun	Pray for the services today and all leading them and all other members of the staff team.

What's on and notices

TRAIDCRAFT ...for one day only - small stand today in the hall after the 9.30am and 10.30am services in the Hall.

St Matthias Church quarterly **magazine** available today – please pick up a copy.

Ladies' Pudding Evening - enjoy puddings, a glass of wine and coffee; a chance to chat and share some food for thought with speaker, Suzanne Dugmore. Friday 24th March at 7.30pm in the Hall. Tickets £5 from Ruth Beckett and other Social Core members or the Church Office.

Enquiries: jrmp@btinternet.com or 01803 293119

Coffee makers Please collect your new rota from the pigeon holes. Thank you.

Events elsewhere...

Professor John Bryant “**Science and Faith in conversation**” stimulating talks on 9, 16, 23, 30 March at Exeter Cathedral and University. No cost but tickets required. For more info see <http://oncommonground.net>. Ian Lane has kindly offered to give a lift to these events – please contact him on 607345.

Ladies Day at Brunel Manor Sat 8 April ‘Calling and Purpose’ with speaker Louise Sibley. For more information please see www.brunelmanor.com.

LENT

- **Lent Course with David Harley: “Jesus and his friends: His farewell message and prayer” (John chapters 14-17)**
 - Tuesdays at 7.30pm: 7, 14, 21, 28 March in the Hall
see posters for more info
- **Lent Books** are now available from the book stall at the back of church. Also see forthcoming magazine for a review of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s 2017 Lent Book ‘Dethroning Mammon’.
- **Lent Lunches** every Wednesday during Lent 12 noon – 1.30pm. All proceeds to Christian Aid. Please do come and support this worthy cause.

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