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Sunday 12 March 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

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	All Age Worship <i>(followed at 12.00 by baptism of Rita Davey)</i>
5.30pm	Monthly prayer meeting in the church
6pm	Winter Night Shelter (final session)

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Lent Course 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
Thurs	<i>2pm Funeral of Betty Hibberd at Torquay Crematorium</i>

Sunday 19 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Youth-led Service

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Readings

Genesis 12:1-4

The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ 'I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

³ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

⁴ 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

⁹ 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Some helpful verses to remember:

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

1 John 3:16 “This is how we know what love is:

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. ”

Romans 10:9 “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.”



‘Grounded in Faith...

...Growing to Serve’

During Lent we are appealing to the church family for pledges 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 or if you need an extra one please let us know, there are plenty available. The amount that is pledged will be shared on Easter Day. *(As with all of our regular church giving, only the treasurer and the person who helps with Gift Aid will know the details of individual pledges).* **Still have Questions about the project?** There will be an opportunity to ask some members of the PCC any questions you may have about the project over coffee in the hall after the 1030 service.

LENT

- **Lent Course with David Harley: “Jesus and his friends: His farewell message and prayer” (John chapters 14-17)**
 - Tuesdays at 7.30pm: 14, 21, 28 March in the Hall
- **Lent Books** are now available from the book stall at the back of church.
- **Lent Lunches** every Wednesday during Lent 12 noon – 1.30pm. All proceeds to Christian Aid. Please do come and support this worthy cause.
- **‘Count your blessings’** material from Christian Aid for Lent available here <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/lent-easter/lent-calendar#cybresources> or some copies at back of church

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

What's on and notices

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

'LEGO' Do you have any spare lego bricks you can donate for Messy Church? Please let Pere in the office know. Thanks.

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

Open Church....volunteers are required to join the team welcoming visitors to the church each weekday morning - either to join as a reserve for occasional help or to help once a week. For more details please see Pere in the office.

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.

For your prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for services today. Remember before God all the night shelter folk on this their last night here. Pray that they may have felt the love of Jesus
Mon	Praise God for the first Lent group meeting and pray for David Harley leading the next three Tuesday evenings
Tues	Pray for our young people and Ruth Jones as she leads them
Wed	Thank God for all who produce the Lent lunches raising money for Christian Aid. Pray for Christian Aid as they alleviate hunger and homelessness
Thurs	Pray for all who come to our church on weekday mornings. May they find any needs they have met. Thank the Lord for all who keep the church open.
Fri	Pray for the Youth Alpha course just begun and a second adult group starting today. Pray too, for those preparing for Confirmation in June
Sat	Pray for the redevelopment project and that we will all listen to what God may be asking each of us to give over and above our usual giving
Sun	Pray for all leading worship today, that we may remember that we are on holy ground and listen to what God is saying to us