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**Sunday 2 April 2017**

**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 9.15pm</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

**During the Week**

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	7.30pm Prayer and Praise <i>in church as part of the Lent course</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12 noon-1.30pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of the East Africa Crisis Appeal</i>
	7.30pm St Matts Cats <i>in church</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30pm Chat@St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Palace Hotel. <i>Speaker Chris Murray</i>

**Palm Sunday 9 April**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Service
5-6pm	Prayer Meeting ( <i>not 5.30pm</i> )
6.30pm	<i>Churches Together service for Palm Sunday at Central Church</i>

**Collect**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

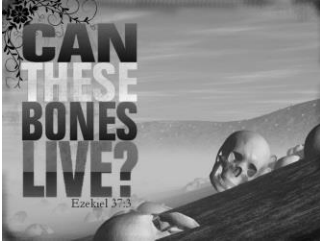
**Passover  
Supper**

**Thurs 13 April**

**St Matthias  
Church**

6.30pm

## Readings



### Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (the valley of dry bones)

### John 11: 1-45

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.'

<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.' <sup>8</sup> 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. <sup>10</sup> It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.' <sup>11</sup> After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' <sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. <sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' <sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.' <sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking

for you.’<sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.<sup>34</sup> ‘Where have you laid him?’ he asked. ‘Come and see, Lord,’ they replied.<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.<sup>39</sup> ‘Take away the stone,’ he said. ‘But, Lord,’ said Martha, the sister of the dead man, ‘by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.’<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me.’<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.’<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.



## ‘Grounded in Faith...Growing to Serve’

Please continue to think and pray about whether you could add a pledge to the barrel in church and please remember to fill in the gift aid section if you can.

***Cash in the attic?*** Have you checked whether you have any forgotten stocks, shares or bonds certificates that you might like to give for this project?

**Still have questions about the project?** You can ask PCC members about the project over coffee in the hall after the 10.30 service.

**Special appeal pens available at the end of the 10.30am service £1 each.**

There will be a **retiring collection today** for the **East Africa Crisis Appeal** to add to the **£250** that the PCC have agreed to give from our

What's on and notices

**mission budget.** Baskets at the back of church on your way out. For gift aid please put donation in blue envelope with name, address and postcode.

**Electoral Roll** will be open from today for 2 weeks should you wish to have your name entered in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **30 April**. This is not a complete revision so if you already have your name on the roll, there is no need to reapply. Application forms are at the back of church.

**Street Pastors** Cliff Adcock will be commissioned at the next commissioning service on 8 April at Upton Vale at 6pm. Les Isaac, founder of S P will officiate.

**A Night at the Theatre 22 April 'Death in High Heels' Tickets now on sale from the Friends in the Hall only £8.50** *Friends of St Matthias*

**Maundy Thursday, 13 April, 6.30 pm - Passover Supper in the Hall**

The Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with His disciples was the Jewish Passover. Join us for a Christian version of the Passover Supper by signing up on the list inside the hall. We last had a Passover Supper here two years ago and it was a very enjoyable and insightful occasion.

<b>For our prayers and praise this week</b>	
Sun	Pray for the services today, for each Church in the Bay and for Matthew and Cerys who were married here yesterday.
Mon	Pray for each member on the electoral roll as they prayerfully work out what they can give towards the re-ordering planned for our church.
Tues	Praise God for each young person and pray for those on the Youth Alpha course. Also for anyone planning for Confirmation and for Ruth Jones.
Wed	Pray for every nation where there is political or natural disaster. Think of those who are seeking a way for peace or salvation from natural disasters.
Thurs	Pray for all homeless people in our land and all who suffer from deprivation. Pray that we may all help to meet their needs.
Fri	Think and pray for all we know who are sad or ill, that God will meet them at their point of need.
Sat	Thank God for John and Ruth and all members of the church staff as they fulfil their different vocations.
Sun	Pray that as we begin Holy Week we may all understand what Jesus had to go through and become more like Him.

**LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**See posters for dates and times of events and services**