



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	Family Service
5-6pm	Prayer Meeting (<i>starting at 5pm not 5.30pm</i>)
6.30pm	<i>Churches Together service for Palm Sunday at Central Church</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	7.30pm St Matts Cats <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	Last One! 12 noon Lent Lunch <i>in aid of the East Africa Crisis Appeal</i>
Maundy Thursday	6.30pm Passover Supper <i>in the Hall followed by a time of reflection in church</i>
Good Friday	10.30am All Age Service <i>followed by coffee and hot cross buns</i>
	<i>12noon Walk of Witness from town hall with 12.30 service at Princess Gardens</i>
	2-3pm 'Last Hour at the Cross'

Easter Sunday

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Communion <i>with Easter Egg hunt! Please wear something white, yellow or gold!</i>
6pm	Youth-led Easter Praise

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen

Readings

Psalm 118: 1-2 & 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

² Let Israel say: 'His love endures for ever.'

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

Matthew 21: 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ 'Say to Daughter Zion,

"See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, ‘Who is this?’

¹¹The crowds answered, ‘This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.’



‘Grounded in Faith...Growing to Serve’

We open the barrel at the end of this week!

If you can, please add your pledge to the barrel before 3pm on Good Friday so that we can let everyone know the result on Easter Sunday morning (and please remember to fill in the gift aid section).

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

What's on and notices

There is a collection basket at the back of church for the **East Africa Crisis Appeal** for you to add to the **£250** that the PCC have agreed to give from our **mission budget**. For gift aid please put donation in blue envelope with name, address and postcode.

East Africa Crisis Appeal Cake Sale Game changers will be holding a cake sale after the main morning services on Sunday 23rd April in aid of the East Africa Crisis Appeal. Please enjoy our cakes and give generously.

Electoral Roll is open for one more week 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.

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*



Messy Church join us on 18 April from 3.15pm

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.

'Just one' A new fellowship and bible study group for solos is starting on Monday 24 April 10.30am-12noon in the Ark. 2nd and 4th Mondays. Please see Gillian Rose or Paul Barton for more information.

Friends News This year the Friends of St Matthias are celebrating 20 years of working with the PCC to maintain and enhance the fabric of our church buildings. Please see the notice board in the Hall for details of upcoming events and news including a celebration on **18 May** and trustee news. *Rob Newman*

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for services today on this Palm Sunday. Pray for the Prayer Meeting at 5pm. Also for the Palm Sunday Churches Together service at Central Church that a truly greater unity will emerge.
Mon	Praise God for Cliff Adcock commissioned as a Street Pastor on Saturday. Pray for all Street and School Pastors as they witness and help people in difficult situations. Pray too for Prayer Pastors who support them. Pray for the O.A.K's Forest School Holiday Club, today through to Thursday
Tues	Pray for all who are finding life a struggle for whatever reason, that they may know Jesus meeting them at their point of need.
Wed	Praise God for and pray for all our Church and National leaders especially for Her Majesty the Queen as head of our church and state.
Thurs	Pray that the Passover Supper will be a spiritual experience as well as a fun time of fellowship.
Fri	GOOD FRIDAY Praise God that Jesus was obedient to death on the cross for each one of us. Pray that on this solemn day we may feel what Jesus went through for us.
Sat	Pray that on Holy Saturday we may remember our privilege and duty to share Jesus with others.
Sun	EASTER SUNDAY Hallelujah, Christ is risen. Praise God that Jesus overcame satan by rising from the dead and that we have freedom to live with Him.

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