



## 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 Communion <i>with Easter Egg hunt! Please wear something white, yellow or gold!</i>
6pm	Youth-led Easter Praise

### During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9am Open House parent and toddler group <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>

### Sunday 23 April

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone

### 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

### **Acts 10: 34-43** (Message version)

<sup>34-36</sup> 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. <sup>37-38</sup> “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.

<sup>39-43</sup> “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.”

### **John 20: 1-20** (NIVUK)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!’

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

**Knowing  
God’s Joy**



<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?' Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.



Being Generous Like  
Jesus

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

We will know what's inside the barrel on Easter Day! Thank you so much if you've given a pledge towards this project.

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

**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.

**Annual Church Reports** available today. Take home a copy (one per household please) to read through before the annual meeting on 30 April.

**Annual Church Meeting 30 April** Please come to a special morning church service at 10.30am where we will be encouraged to hear about some things

which God has been doing among us this year in different groups and activities. At 11.30am there will be a short break for coffee and then the formal meeting begins at 11.45–1pm.

## What's on and notices

**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*

**Pigeon Holes** please pick up your *Daily Readings* and a letter about *Sticky Faith*.

**'Just one'** A new fellowship and bible study group for solos starting on Mon 24 April 10.30am-12noon in the Ark. Please see Gillian Rose or Paul Barton.

**Friends News** Celebration on **18 May** and **Trustee vacancy**. 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 their notice board in the Hall for details of upcoming events and news. *Rob Newman*

**Do you receive bread and wine at our communion services?** If not have you thought about confirmation which is the usual 'gateway' to doing this. Bishop Nick is coming to take a confirmation service here on **18 June**. To find out more please speak to one of the clergy.

**Torbay End Street Homelessness Campaign (TESH)** more info coming soon.

**Lent Lunches** Thank you to everyone who has supported these lunches. We have made a profit of **£407** to put towards Christian Aid's Emergency Appeal.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	EASTER SUNDAY Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Hallelujah! Praise God that Jesus is alive and pray that He may live in each of our lives.
Mon	Thank God for all the money pledged or given for the re-ordering of the Church. Pray for John and all the PCC who oversee what is to be done.
Tues	Pray for all who are starving or homeless in the world. Pray for all the organisations trying to help alleviate the suffering.
Wed	Pray for David and Amy Roche, our CMS Mission Partners in the Middle East, praying that they may see Jesus at work through them.
Thurs	Pray for all world leaders that they may honestly search for peace and unity between countries.
Fri	Praise God for, and pray for Her Majesty the Queen on this her birthday.
Sat	Pray for our Government and for Kevin Foster our Member of Parliament.
Sun	Praise God for all who come to Prayzone and pray for all on the staff who work relentlessly in their leadership roles.

