



**Welcome!**

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.30am service today.*

<b>Today</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>During the Week</b>	
Mon	12.30pm Matt's Knits – <i>new social knitting group</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.15pm Lent courses continue – <i>meet in the Hall</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	10.30am Lent courses continue – <i>meet in the Lounge</i>
	12 noon Lent Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
	7.30pm Puzzling Questions course continues <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	12 noon Funeral of Vassilia Hill
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	7pm Film and Fish & Chips night <i>in the Hall – tickets still available!</i>
<b>Sunday 4 March</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone with breakfast at 9.15am <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
11.45am	Coffee and 'Ministry Fair' – <i>find your opportunity to serve</i>



**Fish & Chips & Film Night Sat 3 Mar at 7pm**  
 Tickets still available! Buy today from Steve VC. Share a meal together and watch a film - "Their Finest". **Tickets must be bought in advance £7.50 each.** Soft drinks supplied.

### 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

### Readings

#### **Romans 4: 13-25**

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

#### **Mark 8: 31-38**

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but

merely human concerns.’<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.’

## What's On & News

**Cake Sale** at the local Co-op Friday 2 March  
– all proceeds to St Matthias! 11-4pm

**Coffee Makers** The March rota is now in your pigeon holes. Thank you.

**Pigeon holes** - apart from the coffee rotas above, there is some post dating back at least to Christmas. Please have a look – you may find something interesting 😊

**Torquay Community Larder** donations requested - we particularly need cereal, long life milk, tinned veg, tinned fruit, instant coffee – thank you.

**Confirmation** If you are interested in being confirmed please have a word with one of the clergy. There will a confirmation service here on 18 March as part of Bishop Sarah’s visit.

**The funeral** of Mary Robertson will take place on 6 March at 2.45pm at the Crematorium.

**Avril & Malcolm Ford** would like to thank all our church family for all the prayers and support during Avril's recent illness. Avril is now recovering and is now a lot more mobile. She still has a long way to go but is hoping to be able to get back to church soon. Your love, prayers and gifts have given us both the strength and encouragement in what has been a difficult time for us both.

**Ben Cowdry**, our grandson, is running in the London Marathon for The Teenage Cancer Trust. Please see the notice in the Church Hall or ourselves, Jenny & Ian.

**Men’s Breakfast** Sat 10 March at Kent’s Cavern. See Charlie Allansen for tickets and information or c.allansen@btinternet.com

### Contacting the Church

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**More dates for the diary at St Matthias:**  
**19 & 20 May** Renewal Weekend

**“Sleuth” ... the next Friends of St Matthias’ event** will be at The Little Theatre on 17 March – a TOADS production. Tickets are on sale after the service £8.50 - proceeds to support the church.

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	Pray for the services today, especially <b>Prayzone</b> and for all who lead them. May the young children “feel” God with them and begin to respond.
Mon	Pray for all you know who are ill, all whose life is difficult, all whose relationships are fragile and all whose faith is being tested.
Tues	Pray for all the courses taking place, but especially the <b>Lent Courses, and Puzzling Questions Course.</b>
Wed	Pray for the homeless, refugees, asylum seekers, and all whose life is at risk of political turmoil or natural disasters.
Thurs	As we continue to think about how generous God is in so many ways, may we become more generous people.
Fri	Pray for the leaders of the world, both in Church and State. Pray for <b>Bishop Sarah</b> who will be visiting our Church on March 18th. Pray for her as she prepares to take on the mantle of being the next Bishop of London. Pray too, that some will come forward for <b>Confirmation</b> that day.
Sat	Pray for our Deanery, the Rural Dean, the clergy and all members of our Churches, that we may be a beacon for Christ in the Bay.
Sun	Pray for the Missions and aid agencies that we support. Pray for <b>Amy and David Roche our CMS Mission Partners</b> as they get ready to return to the U.K. for their future ministry.

**LENT 2018**

- Lent lunches – every Wednesday 12-1.30pm (delicious cheese, bread, pickles etc) – all profits to Christian Aid ... and bring a friend!
- Lent courses begin on Tues 20 Feb @ 7.15pm and Wed 21 @10.30am – see below
- John Mark Comer will speak (on DVD) on ‘Practising the Way of Jesus’ looking at the spiritual disciplines eg fasting, prayer, solitude
- Pete Greig will help us to look at prayer (DVD)
- ‘Generous God Generous People’ - daily bible readings booklet - £1
- Maundy Thursday 29 March – 7pm Holy Communion service