



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.*

Mothering Sunday	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Evening Communion
During the Week	
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>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
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>
Thurs	9am-12pm 'Experience Easter' event with the local schools
	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark – all welcome</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall/Pine Room</i>
Sat	7.30pm 'Sleuth' <i>at the Little Theatre with the Friends</i>
Sunday 18 March	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion <i>with the Bishop of Crediton Sarah Mullally with baptism, confirmation and the licensing of Revd Paul Barton as Associate Minister at St Matthias</i>
5.30pm	Youth-led service

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Mark 12: 28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?'

²⁹ 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." ³¹ The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.'

³² 'Well said, teacher,' the man replied. 'You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.'

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Colossians 3: 12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Generous God, Generous People

We're coming to the end of our Sunday focus on generosity and our giving of money. Please take home a 'Generous Like Jesus' booklet explaining the church's finances and some biblical teaching about how to give. If you'd like help to understand how to give regularly to the church, or even just need some help with daily household budgeting (although we cannot offer financial planning advice) please do contact Tony Barratt, church treasurer, for a confidential chat: 07984001973 or tony@ab-consulting.org



LENT 2018

- Maundy Thursday:
 - 29 March – 7pm Holy Communion service
- Good Friday:
 - 30 March – 10.30am All Age Service followed by coffee & hot-cross buns
 - 30 March - 2pm Last Hour at the Cross (a time of devotion with periods of silence)
- Lent lunches – every Wednesday 12-1.30pm (delicious cheese, bread, pickles etc) – all profits to Christian Aid ... and bring a friend!
- Lent courses Tuesdays @ 7.15pm and Wednesdays @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

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for the services today and all who lead.
Mon	Pray for peace in the world and for those trying to negotiate peace.
Tues	Pray for the work of Christian Aid as they bring help in so many countries. Pray for those attending the Lent Lunches.
Wed	Praise God for the young people. Praise God for Ben Cowdry who will be running in the London Marathon in gratitude for his healing.
Thurs	Pray for the homeless, especially those who sleep outside in this cold weather.
Fri	In our series of sermons on “Generous God, Generous people”, pray that we may become generous people in many areas of our lives. Pray too for the giving in our church, that we will meet our needs.
Sat	Pray for our staff and all who help in any way in the Church.
Sun	Pray for the Communion Service with Baptism and Confirmation. Pray for Bishop Sarah as she leads the service and as she prepares to become the senior Bishop after the two Archbishops. She will certainly need our prayers when she moves!

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Ministry Fair Thank you for taking part last week. If you missed the event there are still some A5 leaflets at the back of church which give an indication of the area of the church's life with which we value help at this time. Please think and pray about how God might be calling you to serve the church family here.

New Services will start on 1st April (Easter Day). Please pick up a separate card which explains the new service times and the reasons why we're making changes – further information will be on the website and facebook too.

The children's team is in need of some Happyland or Duplo figures for story/activity bags which are being made for young children to use during services. We also need 24-30 seed trays for use at Messy Church. If anyone could give either of these, we would be delighted! Please see or phone Judi S. (Thank you to those who have already given!)

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

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.

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

A Three-Fold Hand Prayer to start each day

I hold up my hands as a symbol of surrender
Jesus, I surrender to your Lordship today
I surrender my preferences, my time,
my fears, finances, friends and family to you.

Hands Up
Surrender



I hold out my hands to receive all the good things you have for me.
The Father's love, your Holy Spirit, your grace, forgiveness,
your provision for me.

I also hold out my hands as a symbol that I am only a steward
of all that you have given me. I want to mirror your generosity
today and live an open handed life.

Hands Out
Generosity



I hold my hands forward as a symbol of mission.

I want to embrace and welcome your mission Lord,
to the lost, last, least and lonely – the poor, powerless, privileged
and persecuted.

Hands Forward
Mission

