



## 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.*

### Today – Palm Sunday

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Prayzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>in the Church</i>
4.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the Hall</i>
5.30pm	'Route 66' (youth-led service)

### During the Week

Mon	12.30pm Matt's Knits – <i>social knitting group in the Lounge</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 St Matt's Cats
Maundy Thursday	10am Warberry Easter Service
Thursday	2pm Pre-School Easter Service
	7pm Service of Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday
Good Friday	10.30am All Age Family Service <i>followed by hot cross buns &amp; coffee</i>
	2pm 'Last Hour at the Cross' – <i>a reflective service</i>

### Easter Sunday – 1 April

6.50am	Sunrise Service on Meadfoot beach by the café (weather dependent – see Facebook and website)
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Coffee and Easter Egg Hunt 😊
11am	Easter Family Communion

## Readings

### Psalm 118: 1-2 & 19-end

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:  
'His love endures for ever.'
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.
- <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;
- <sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.
- <sup>25</sup> LORD, save us!  
LORD, grant us success!
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.
- <sup>27</sup> 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.
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures for ever.

### 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

### John 12: 9-25

- <sup>9</sup> Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him. <sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,  
'Hosanna!'  
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'  
'Blessed is the king of Israel!'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> 'Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.' <sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, 'See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!'

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

### **Generous God, Generous People**

- If you'd like to know more about, or join the '**Parish Giving Scheme**', there's a special table with information and forms in the Hall over coffee.
- We're hoping to run the CAP money course this summer. It's a free course about managing your money. In just a few weeks you will organise your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt. To register interest, please contact Tony Barratt, church treasurer, on 07984001973 or [tony@ab-consulting.org](mailto:tony@ab-consulting.org)



**New Services** will start on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Annual Church Meeting 22 April at 5pm**

A review of last year and a look ahead. We also vote-in the new Parochial Church Council (PCC) and church wardens. If you wish to vote you need to be on the Electoral Roll (ER). Forms are available from the back of church. If you wish to serve on the PCC you need to have been on the ER for 6 months. If you are already on the ER, you do not need to complete another form this year.

**Coffee Rota** – new rota for April in pigeon holes.

**Egg cups needed** please for Breakfastzone on 1 April for boiled eggs (in addition to bacon baps). Please bring your own to the service! Thank you – Lindsay, Pauline, Liz

**To be one** of those confirmed in last Sunday's amazing service will always be a very precious memory. To share the day with Diane, Sarah, Kevin, Craig and of course Paul, made it even more special. I have been so touched by all the prayers and support from the wonderful St Matthias family - thank you very much. Lena

### **Pre-school Easter Eggs**

As last year, we are buying the 'Real Easter Egg' for each Pre-school and Open House child. These eggs come with a booklet explaining the Easter story, which parents can read to the children. They cost £3.60 each and if you'd like to contribute, please put donations in a blue envelope and write 'EGGS' plus your signature and address details if you can gift aid your donation. Many thanks.

#### **When the Spirit comes...**

#### **Pentecost Weekend**

**19 & 20 May 2018**



A Saturday and Sunday at St Matthias of teaching, celebration and prayer about the person and work of the Holy Spirit led by Archdeacon Kevin Roberts and Revd Anne Roberts from 'Resource'. Times of workshops and teaching on both days (including Saturday evening celebration) to be confirmed – we plan to work around the Royal Wedding!

#### ***For our prayers and praise this week***

Sun	Pray for the services today and all who are leading them praying especially for the prayer meeting at 4.30pm and the youth led service at 5.30pm. As we approach Holy Week and Easter may we be thankful for all the Lord has done for us - through suffering and onto glory.
Mon	Praise God for Bishop Sarah's ministry last Sunday and as she moves to London to become their Diocesan Bishop.
Tues	Praise God for the Lent Courses and for the speakers John Mark Comer and Pete Greig. Pray that all may take on board what is being taught.
Wed	Pray for the family and friends of those recently bereaved - John Forsyth, Gordon vans Colina, and Frank Newman.
Thurs	Pray about the changes to the times of the services, starting on 1 April. Pray everyone will be understanding about the reasoning behind this.
Fri	Pray that we will soon hear from the Diocesan Chancellor with permission to go ahead with the re-ordering of the church building.
Sat	Thank God and pray for all members of the PCC and Staff team that they may know God's guidance in all their decisions.
Sun	Pray for those being baptised today on Easter Sunday – Esther and Paul.