



Welcome and Happy Easter!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.

Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.

Easter Sunday

6.45am	Sunrise Service and baptism on Meadfoot beach <i>(by the café)</i>
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with breakfast at 9.15am & bring own egg cup!</i>
10.30am	Coffee and Easter Egg Hunt 😊
11am	Easter Family Communion

During the Week

Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>

8 April

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Coffee
11am	United Family Service
5.30pm	Evening Service

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!

Readings

Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.'

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Collect for Easter Sunday

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

What's on and notices

New Services start today 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.

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.

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

Thank you to all who supported the Wednesday Lunches during Lent. We were able to bank £545 for Christian Aid!

Men's Breakfast Sat 14 April at the English Riviera Centre with speaker Trevor Staveley. Contact Charlie for more information or to book

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Generous God, Generous People

- 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



For our prayers and praise this week

Easter Sunday	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today. Hallelujah!</i></p> <p>Pray for our services today, that we may all see Jesus, alive and with us. Pray very especially for the sunrise service at Meadfoot Beach, with the baptism in the sea of Esther and Paul. Pray for them as they begin another stage of their faith journey.</p>
Mon	Pray that everyone may accept the service time changes with expectancy of church growth in the coming months, years and decades.
Tues	Pray for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings , with the election of Church Officers and members to the PCC. Pray, too, for the preparations of the Pentecost Weekend in May. May we be ready for what the Holy Spirit does in our church.
Wed	Pray for peace in our distracted world. For all the Aid Agencies trying to relieve suffering in our world. Pray too, for all homeless and unemployed people.
Thurs	Think of all our school children as they are on holiday, praying for fun and safety. Pray too for their parents and carers.
Fri	Pray for all in our church family who are ill, or troubled or bereaved or housebound, remembering that some of their disabilities or problems cannot be seen.
Sat	Pray for all our leaders; especially our Queen and the Royal family with all their special occasions this Summer. Remember Kevin our MP with all his responsibilities in the House and in the constituency.
Sun	<p>Praise God for our Ministerial Team, and praying they will have spiritual and physical strength for all their extra services. Pray that they will find a real joy in their leading and preaching.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Remember: Jesus Christ is risen today and for everyday. Hallelujah!</i></p>