



Welcome!

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

| Today | |
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| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.30am | <i>Coffee in the Hall</i> |
| 11am | Family service for Mothering Sunday |
| 5.30pm | Evening Holy Communion |
| During the Week | |
| Mon | 7.30pm Girls Allowed <i>in the Hall</i> |
| Tues | 9am Morning Prayer |
| | 9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i> |
| | 12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i> |
| | 7.30pm Lent Course <i>in the church</i> |
| Wed | 9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i> |
| | 10.15am Lent Course <i>in the Lounge</i> |
| | 12 noon Lent Lunch for Christian Aid <i>in the Hall</i> |
| | 7.30pm St Matt's Cats |
| Thurs | 2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the Hall</i> |
| Fri | 11am Funeral of John Hoyle |
| | 2pm Pre-School Easter Service |
| | 6.30-8pm Youth Club Party |
| Sat | 2pm Wedding of Julia and Jamie |
| Sunday 7 April | |
| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 9.30am | Breakfastzone |
| 10.30am | <i>Coffee in the Hall</i> |
| 11am | Holy Communion (CW) |
| 5.30pm | Annual Meeting <i>with provision for children</i> |

Thanks go to... the gardening
teams 😊

Readings

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.

Luke 13: 34-35

³⁴ 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."'

For our prayers and praise this week

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| Sun | Mothering Sunday: Thank God for Mary the mother of Jesus, and what we can learn from her. Thank God for our own mothers and for those in our congregation, also those women who care for others. |
| Mon | Remember the young people and LINX; school Pastors and prayer pastors. |
| Tues | Pray for all the preparations for Easter , those leading the Ministry and for the Easter Gift and Craft Stalls on 7 & 14 April. |
| Wed | As the Scriptures remind us, we pray for our Government in these critical days. Pray that they will have wisdom to make the right decisions. |
| Thurs | Remember before the Lord all who mourn in recent days, especially for Jill Luntz, her family and friends on the death of Mike. |
| Fri | Pray for Torquay Community Larder and other aid agencies who help those homeless and suffering in Torbay and other parts of the world. |
| Sat | Pray for Nicci Maxwell , our CMS Mission Partner in her work in Kisoro helping babies and mothers. Pray she may have the right administrator & nursing help. Thank God for Cecil Johnston's return from Uganda, and that he may know his future. |
| Sun | Remember all those who will be taking any part, large or small, in our services. Pray for our Church's Patrons as they Service the churches in this country and overseas. |

What's On & News

Girls Allowed Monday APRIL 1st – a quiz, mystery guest and time to chat – in the Hall 7.30-9.30pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Hall or email Ruth. Refreshments, £3 donation on the night. jrmp@btinternet.com

Sad news We are sad to say that Mike Luntz sadly died on Wednesday. Details of his funeral will follow. We pray for Jill and the family and their friends at this time.

Annual Church Meeting 7 April at 5.30pm in the Hall (tea from 5pm) - provision for children. The PCC currently has up to 6 vacancies. For more information see David Wilkinson, PCC secretary – nomination forms available at the back of church.

Annual Reports x 2 – please pick up your copy today and bring to the meeting next week.



Fish'n'chips'n'film Night at Church on Sat 13 April 7-10pm approx. Vote for your film choice when buying your meal ticket - £7.50 each, gluten-free available. The meal is at 7pm so you could just join us for the takeaway! Soft drinks available or BYO. Tickets now available at a service near you... **Book today please so that we can order the fish and chips!**

Egg-citing news! The Easter Gift Shop will be in the Larkin Hall next Sunday 7 April from 9.30am to 12.30am. A lovely opportunity to bless others with 'The Real' Easter Eggs, a beautiful selection of Easter cards, thought-provoking new books, Easter leaflets, DVDs, jewellery, home decorations and more..... Orders can be given to us on the day for collection before Easter, if required, but if you prefer to order something special in advance or for any queries, please e-mail Dave *this week* on dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there! Val & Dave Burch (Profits to the Wellspring Project)



Easter Craft Stall - Matts Knits are having an Easter craft stall to raise funds for the Wellspring Project in the Hall at coffee time on Sundays 7 and 14 April.

For sale at the Easter Gift Shop on 7 April – latest book by Merrilyn Williams (pen name Mel Menzies) 'Picked for a Purpose'. The book deals with health issues, relationship problems, drugs and gang culture, and all proceeds from sales are for The Prince's Trust.

New and updated Contact Lists available from the back of church or from the office during the week. £1 to cover printing costs please.



Giving to support the church: We encourage people to give via the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS) from their bank accounts. That's why the collection plate often goes around empty! So, if you are new to St Matthias, please do not feel you need to put any cash into the collection plate but do ask one of the Welcomers for more information about the PGS. Thank you.

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

LENT Remember the Lent Course and Lent Lunches 😊

Lent Course 'Talking Jesus' continues on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and is repeated on Wed mornings at 10.15am.

The course is free (booklet £1). Coffee/tea available at the start.

Lent Lunches are being offered again this year every Wed until Easter. 12-1.30pm in the Hall. Delicious bread and cheese lunches with pickles, fruit and coffee or tea. All profits to Christian Aid so do come and support this worthwhile cause and why not bring a friend?

There's also the Count Your Blessings booklet...
and why not try borrowing a Lent book...



Wellspring Update

We have started showing building companies around the church as they prepare tenders for the Project. We are hoping to review these on 25 April. In the meantime please continue to top up your money boxes and Smarties tubes so that we can collect them all in on Easter Sunday.

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