



# Good Friday and Easter Sunday Welcome

Services online [www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

## Good Friday

1030 All Age Good Friday Service

from 12

Two reflective services:

- ‘Suffered under Pontius Pilate’ - reading and address
- ‘Seven last words’- several short meditations with silence

## Easter Day

from 7am

**Godly Play** story from Lena to watch – *for all ages* – and as a family online ‘Faces of Easter’ – also available is ‘the Mystery of Easter’.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

10am

**Easter Family Communion** - available on our YouTube channel (and available after that too) at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

Also available on the St. Matthias Church website:

<https://st-matthias-church.org/about-us/covid-19-corona-virus/>

11am

Coffee

Join us over coffee after the 10am service...log into zoom with this link:

- “Join Zoom meeting” - Meeting ID: 177 360 698 Password: 031470
- <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/177360698?pwd=YUZPM2xqQW1JaTI5Y2FWdHBDYjdnZz09>

3pm

**Easter Bonnet**

**judging** ☺ – see *St. page*

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**competition**

*Matthias’ Facebook*

7pm

**Light a candle in a window** as a symbol of the light of Christ, as part of a national prayer initiative to pray for our government, healthcare workers, and all who are suffering from or working to combat the Coronavirus.

**Bible Reading for today: John 20: 1-18**

Find in your bible or link to:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+20%3A++1-18&version=NIVUK>

## Next week 19 April

9.30am

**Growzone**

11am

**Holy Communion**

## Easter Day Collect

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

Thanks today to...  
those still working in  
shops and essential  
services ☺

## A note from John and Paul

We continue to hope and pray that you are managing the lockdown in good heart. The feedback we get is that people are being really good at keeping in touch and looking out for one another. Bishop Robert, in his Maundy Thursday Address (online of course!), reminded us of how Jesus, in washing his disciples' feet, modelled a way for us to live – with compassion, love and service towards one another. So, whenever we do the same, we become active signs of God's hopeful presence in our world. So let's continue to do that, all the more renewed by resurrection joy! God bless this Easter.



Painting by Mike Burt

## NEWS

### Spring Harvest Home 13- 17<sup>th</sup> April

Spring Harvest at home. It is completely free and something for the whole family, commencing with The Big Start in the morning (all age celebration).

*“Lined up for the week after Easter, we have some amazing material all built around the 2020 theme of **‘Unleashed – The Acts Church Today’**. Never has there been a more appropriate time for us to gather together as a community to worship, learn, laugh and pray together.”*

Keep the week clear and enjoy. Hopefully, if you don't already come to SH, you may like to join us next year. Tessa and Paul <https://springharvest.org/spring-harvest-home/>

**Torquay Community Larder** is still operating and in need of donations. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection. (As the church is closed donations cannot be left there.)

**Lent Course** This is still available on line - Andrew Green on 'Flourishing – being who God wants us to be' <https://st-matthias-church.org/media/>

The **Annual Church Meeting** has now been cancelled but we do still need to approve the accounts and have the annual report. We have been told that because we can't hold a meeting all officers and members will remain as they are until such time as we are able to hold a meeting, which must be before the end of October 2020.

**Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**  
**For our prayers and praise this week**

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord that Jesus is alive and has conquered sin and death so that we may have forgiveness and eternal life.
<b>Mon</b>	Pray we may believe that Christ is risen and commit ourselves to Him. So please pray that people will have the chance to learn about Jesus and commit to Him.
<b>Tues</b>	Pray for our Prime Minister unwell at this time, pray for a quick and complete recovery. Pray too for his ministers having to make major decisions in his absence. Pray for all members of Parliament.
<b>Wed</b>	Pray for all doctors and nurses, and volunteers as they treat the sick. Pray too for all district nurses, carers, physiotherapists, helping volunteers and all who help the sick with Covid-19.
<b>Thur</b>	Pray for all suffering the loss of jobs, financial loss and the death of loved ones. May they know the comfort (strengthening) of God putting His arms of love around them.
<b>Fri</b>	In our church family we remember those not able to go out, not able to meet family or friends, and all those afraid of the pandemic.
<b>Sat</b>	Pray for the leaders of all churches, of all faiths, as they try to point people to God as they understand him. Especially pray for Christian leaders that our country will become more like God's Kingdom.
<b>Sun</b>	Remember our services today. Pray for John, Paul and others as they use their technological skills and produce virtual services. Remember the persecuted church where they cannot worship.

*An important note – and from Tony, the Treasurer*

**LOSS OF INCOME FOR ST MATTHIAS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS**

First of all I would like to sincerely thank all those who continue to give regularly each month via the Parish Giving Scheme or by Standing Orders. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will hopefully continue to provide a large proportion of our voluntary income during the Coronavirus crisis. Our thanks also go to those members of our congregation who give cash each Sunday as the offering plates come round.

Because the Church, Centre and Pre-School are now closed until further notice, our other sources of income are going to be severely impacted so there will be considerable pressure on our finances as there are still significant regular bills to pay, including our Common Fund payment of £8,272 per month and other essential items such as our buildings insurance, fire and intruder alarms etc. We are also committed to continuing our support of various mission and other charitable organisations via the Mission Action Group, thus providing help to others less fortunate than ourselves, which is even more critical during this time of crisis. This means that we are going to be even more reliant on voluntary income, one element of which is the Sunday offerings, either via cash donations in the collection plate or those who continue to give via the blue and yellow envelope schemes, which give us the benefit of claiming gift aid. Clearly none of these sources are now possible for the time being.

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**THIS IS A PLEA TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE VIA ENVELOPES OR CASH TO PLEASE CONSIDER CHANGING OVER TO, PREFERABLY, THE PGS SCHEME OR, ALTERNATIVELY, BACS TRANSFER INTO OUR CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT VIA A STANDING ORDER.**

*If you would be prepared to change over to the PGS scheme, which has now become our preferred method, this is now much easier than the method referred to in the previous notice as there is a new online registration facility to make donations by **TELEPHONE** (no need to post off any paperwork). All you need to do is to log in to the PGS web site with the following link: <https://register.parishgiving.org.uk> and follow the instructions to register.*

*Please be assured that the donation would remain totally under your control at all times and can be changed or cancelled at any time by making a simple phone call.*

*A second alternative is to set up a standing order to make a regular donation via BACS transfer from your bank, which can easily be done online. If you would prefer to do this then our bank details are as follows:*

**SORT CODE: 40 52 40**  
**ACCOUNT: 00017933**

*If you need any help to set this up then please get in touch.*

It is also recognised that the crisis may be causing financial hardship to some of our church community so please do not feel pressurised to respond to this request if you are personally affected in this way.

With grateful thanks in anticipation for your support.

Best wishes,

**Tony Barratt**

*Hon Treasurer, St Matthias*

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**Although the church building is closed you can still contact the Church:**

**Office:** 01803 214175 [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)

*(Pere Snow is on Furlough Leave but the phone has been diverted and is still being answered)*

**Rector:** [John Beckett](mailto:John.Beckett@st-matthias-church.org) 01803 293119

**Asst Minister:** Paul Barton 07807 636470

**Blue Light Prayer:** 07579 030681