



7 February 2021

2nd Sunday before Lent

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Welcome

Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

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

It may be simpler to find all the services by looking at the different **PLAYLISTS**
on St Matthias YouTube channel

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

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

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| Sun 7 Feb | 9.30am Breakfastzone <i>online</i> |
| | 10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16 |
| | 11am Holy Communion <i>livestreamed</i> https://youtu.be/gQG0tHd22NI |

Readings: 11am: Proverbs 8:1,22-31 & John 1:1-14 9.30am: Mark 2:1-12

tinyurl.com/2s48od7a

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A1-14&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+2%3A1-12&version=NIVUK>

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

| Next Week | |
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| Sun 14 Feb | 8am Holy Communion <i>online</i> |
| | 9.30am Ozone <i>online</i> |
| | 10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16 |
| | 11am Morning Worship <i>livestreamed</i> |
| | 5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75063479178?pwd=c2tRY1R2ak1YWWR5RHQ0MS8vc2FwUT09 Meeting ID: 750 6347 9178 Passcode: PJtW1B |
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St Matthias' 2021

Two Projects, one Vision

We launch an Appeal today to the church family for:

- **£25,000 to clear most of the remaining costs of funding 'Wellspring'**

And, monthly pledges of money so that we can move on to advertise for and fund:

- **A full time person to work with the Schools, Children, Young People and their families – or a 'SCYP' worker!**

There is a letter you can read and more information on the church website [here](#) including a short video film <https://youtu.be/vS9R8654RYc> and a donation form you can use.

The Wellspring shortfall needs to be dealt with now leaving us to move on to the work ahead that God has planned for us. Please give this situation your prayerful consideration. We want everyone to be part of this exciting work. Thank you.

(If you wished to give via the internet, then please note that the church bank account details are Sort Code 40-52-40 A/C number 00017933)

For more information please contact the Church treasurer, Tony Barratt on Tel: 07984 001973 Email: tony@ab-consulting.org

Thanks go to: ☺

School 'Assembly' team
(now producing Collective Worship
online for our local Primary
Academies)

LENT 2021

For centuries Lent has been used by Christian people as a time of renewal of devotion to Jesus Christ. The 40 day period follows Jesus' time of fasting and prayer spent in the wilderness, preparing for the next stage of His ministry. We too are encouraged to practice the 'spiritual disciplines' of prayer, reflecting on the bible, solitude, and fasting (going without food or some other 'comfort' for a short time).



There are several ways to help you keep Lent this year.

1 Bible Study Course "Nehemiah" - a story for our time

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing on the following 3 Tuesdays we're going to be taking a look at the inspirational life and work of Nehemiah. If you thought his was a dry, dusty old story hidden within the more obscure pages of the Old Testament then please come along. This series is for you! His energy, passion, integrity and love for God and His people in a very challenging time are just what we need to emulate in our own challenging times. Look forward to seeing you! Lindsay

Each session begins live on zoom at 7.30pm (and will end by 9pm) so that we can also have discussions in smaller groups. The main talks and questions for discussion will also be recorded and put onto the YouTube channel the following day, so that you can take part at any time.

(There is also a Study guide to accompany the course – the 'Cover to Cover' book on Nehemiah by Selwyn Hughes ISBN 9781853453359 though there's no need to buy one.)

2 #Live Lent: God's Story, Our Story. Daily reflections

For each of the 40 days of Lent, there is a short Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer. The daily reflections follow weekly themes - each with an accompanying action - drawn from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, Living His Story: Sharing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele (SPCK)."



- You can sign up free now for **daily email reflections**: tinyurl.com/1mox7d5x
- Or there is also an **App that should be available soon**
- & we believe the reflections will also be available on the **'Daily Hope' phone line** 0800 804 8044

3 Lent Course Part 2 "These are our Stories – Lent in a Pandemic Year"

This Diocesan course encourages us to share our stories about how the pandemic has affected us, our faith and our understanding of God and helps us discern what He wants for us next. Since the Nehemiah series takes us half way through Lent, we are working on adapting the Diocesan Lent Course material to use for two or three of the remaining weeks leading up to Easter.

Prayer



While we are not able to open the church building for private prayer, we have provided a 'Prayer Space in the North Porch and a simple 'labyrinth' type of prayer using the pattern on the piazza – there are leaflets in the West porch.

We would also be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Some local churches have decided to remain open for private prayer, and for Holy Communion. One near here is All Saints, Cary Ave, Babbacombe, Torquay, TQ1 3NY which is open as below:

- Open every day for private prayer between 9.30 am and mid-afternoon Monday to Saturday (from 11.45 on Sundays). The public Holy Communion services are Sunday at 9.30am and 10.30am.

Suggestion for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun Praise the Lord that we can worship freely whether on line or altogether, and pray for the Church under persecution where it is dangerous to name the name of Jesus.

Mon Pray against not only Covid 19 but against the new and quickly spreading variants now appearing, especially the one from South Africa. Pray too that we may all respect each other by observing the directives laid down by the Government.

Tues Many of our children have been out of school for a year. Pray that schools may indeed be opened in March. Pray for those who are finding self-distancing difficult, and pray for teachers and parents struggling to teach electronically.

Wed Pray for those on the new course "Starting Blocks for Family Life" started last week. Pray that couples will be well prepared for the arrival of their new members of the family.

Thurs Thank God for Nicci Maxwell working at Potters Village, Kisoro Uganda, caring for very needy children and neonatal medical care. Pray God's safety for her and that she will continue to be happy and satisfied with her important work.

Fri Pray for our families and friends, many separated and in different continents. Pray that relationships may be kept close.

Sat Pray for our Queen and Government especially as they face criticism in so many of the things they do as they try to lead our country in equity and peace.

Sun Pray that as the Family of God at St. Matthias, we may stay close to our Lord and be real witnesses for him and that people will see that we have been with Jesus and want to know Him too.

News and dates for the diary

Girls Allowed will be meeting on Zoom on Tuesday 16th Feb, starting at 7pm, to share some of the things that we've enjoyed over the year since we last met in person as a group! If you haven't had an email invitation and would like to join us please email Sue at robandsued@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday 17th February Holy Communion Service and introduction to Nehemiah showing on YouTube from 9am.

#take3 a new series of 2 minute reflections from the Diocese...have a browse...
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDz-Tb3G12iA6o1Mib-A4n42ht6IbWTLF>

Part 2: Rectory garden... see how things are progressing...watch the short video

<https://youtu.be/nQQsmer3TwA>



The National Trust is inviting members of the public to join in their Valentine's Weekend Flower Count. Great fun to join in either by counting different flowers in your garden or while out walking. Details online: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/get-involved-in-the-south-west-flower-count-survey>

Mission Torbay update 3 – see website – link:

[MissionUpdateJanuary2021.pdf \(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/MissionUpdateJanuary2021.pdf)

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



Fair Shares – Lent Initiative. Watch this space! It looks as if we may be able to start this soon. Thanks to the volunteers who have come forward.

To contact the Church:

Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

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