

28 February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

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Welcome

Services online
available on the church YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJJf6YQ>

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/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJJf6YQ/playlists>

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

Sun 28 Feb	9.30am Prayzone online https://youtu.be/Es8bL35qF7M Activity sheet: Slide 1 (d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net)
	10.30am Coffee on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxIVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	11am Morning Worship on zoom from the Church with Rev Andrew Green preaching https://tinyurl.com/2j25dd9t Meeting ID: 929 0983 8958 Passcode: Church Service sheet: A Service of Holy Communion (d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net)
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72676199409?pwd=emZqQWNkTWVlYXR0YWdtRHBzb2x5QT09 Meeting ID: 726 7619 9409 Passcode: y4zFxp
Readings: Mark 9: 2-9 https://tinyurl.com/rbmpe83r Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 https://tinyurl.com/6nttvc4w	

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanks go to: ☺
Pre-school staff



Next Week	
Tues 2 Mar	<p>7.20 for 7:30pm Lent Course on zoom 2nd session on Nehemiah https://tinyurl.com/3lmgqzja Meeting ID: 942 3556 3192 Passcode: Lent</p>
Sun 7 Mar	<p>9.30am Breakfastzone online</p> <p>10.30am Coffee on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxIVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16</p> <p>11am Holy Communion livestreamed</p>

Two Projects, One Vision

We launched an Appeal recently 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!**

Amazingly, thank God, we have already met the Wellspring shortfall target, and are half way towards the target for the SCYP worker. So thank you if you have already given or pledged money to either of these projects.

However, if we are to go ahead and advertise the post in time for a September appointment, **we will still need further pledges please** – so do continue to think and pray about whether you can support this work too. We fully appreciate that this is over and above your usual giving to the church, and that for many people, the pandemic has been very costly.

There is a letter you can read and more information on the church website, including a donation form and ways to contact Tony, the Treasurer at <https://www.st-matthias-church.org/information/wellspringscyp-appeal/>

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

For two more Tuesdays we’re going to be taking a look at the inspirational life and work of Nehemiah led by Lindsay Glazebrook. If you thought this 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.

You can watch the introductory talk here <https://youtu.be/wwQYwWXJTdg>
And last Tuesday's talks here <https://youtu.be/80NV7ea4mHQ>

(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 you can easily download** too
- And the reflections are also available on the
'Daily Hope' phone line 0800 804 8044 – select option number 3!

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

Please do make use of the 'North Porch Prayer Space' or use the Labyrinth Prayers on 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.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun As we come to worship, whether at home or online, pray that we may worship in Spirit and in truth and be drawn nearer to our Master and to each other. May we be conscious of the needs of our friends and neighbours, using our telephones, and other gadgets to communicate with them.

Mon Pray for the work of the Torquay Larder and the Fair Shares Box and other ways to help people in this pandemic period of hardship mentally and physically.

Tues Pray for the next session of the Lent Course, looking at the book of Nehemiah. Pray for Lindsay as she leads this meeting. Praise God for last week's meeting and pray that we may all learn how to better serve the Lord.

Wed Pray for all in our Church Family or human families who are under pressure at this time, or are bereaved or ill, or depressed, or desperate.

Thurs Praise God for Lena producing so many Lent Activities for families and for those helping to distribute them, may they help young people to understand Lent better.

Fri Looking towards an ending of the pandemic lockdown we pray for our leaders in State and Church, that they may make the right decisions, and may we not try to go ahead of restrictions put upon us.

Sat Thank God for all who are helping distribute the Scriptures and Christian books. Remember especially the Bible Society, Choice Words and Eden Books, our local bookshops.

Sun We remember our spiritual life as a church, praying for those who lead us; John and Paul, our Readers, Church Wardens, Pere our Administrator, the PCC and all who make our Church "tick". May Christ always be uplifted.

News and dates for the diary

It is with sadness that we let you know that Pat Pearson, whom many of you will remember well, passed away peacefully in Hadley Court last week.

Her funeral is at St Matthias on Friday 5th March at 3.30pm. If you wish to come, please phone the church office to book a place, since places are limited.



SPRING HARVEST HOME 4th - 8th April. You can book online and look at the events lined up:



<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>

A **MASSIVE** thank you to Lena who has sent packs out to Church Families. Here's one person who enjoyed them ☺

There are some brilliant ideas from the Exeter Diocese which you can find here:

Lent Activities for Families:

<https://tinyurl.com/24gxdf7p>



We would have had a **Book Stall** for

Easter if we were in Church, but we can't do that so rather

than automatically clicking through to the World's Biggest Online Retailer, checking out and supporting these Christian Retailers:

CHOICE WORDS - our own local bookshop in Newton Abbot:

<https://choicewords.co.uk/> and [01626 334027](tel:01626334027)

EDEN BOOKS - <https://www.eden.co.uk> and 0800 6122186



#take3 a new series of 2 minute reflections from the Diocese...have a browse...

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDz-Tb3G12iA6o1Mib-A4n42ht6lbWTLF>

Minibus Key – does anyone have a key for our minibus – if so please could you ring Pere in the office. Thank you.

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.)



Love to Share?

The **Fair Shares Box** has arrived and you will find it in the West Porch

☺ If you would like to take part simply bring something along and then take as you wish:



- Yes please to labelled seeds and plants
- Yes please to things like books and toys in good condition
- Nothing too big or too heavy
- No food please as that is shared through the Torquay Community Larder

If you like the box, please let us know. Please contact Rob and Sue Day if you have any questions on 07550 013101.



Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February - 7 March This year's theme is climate change and the impact of this on Fairtrade farmers and producers around the world. Have a look here: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

ST MATTHIAS PRE-SCHOOL With Spring around the corner, the Pre-School staff are keen to get the outside 'forest' area ready for the children to enjoy. We would be very grateful if anyone has any spare plants if they could let the Pre-School staff have them for growing on in their greenhouse or planting outside. If anyone would like to spend an hour or two as part of your 'once a day exercise' helping to tidy the grounds and planting, that too would be very much appreciated. Please ring the Pre-School to arrange on 01803 215068.

To contact the Church:

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

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