



28 March 2021

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Collect
 True and humble king,
 hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
 grant us the faith to know you and love you,
 that we may be found beside you
 on the way of the cross,
 which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Welcome on this PALM SUNDAY

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

Sun 28 Mar Palm Sunday	9.30am Prayzone <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/77688476702?pwd=R21lQ0NjWkt0b1FHZ0xsZW04aTFkUT09 Meeting ID: 776 8847 6702 Passcode: ACpf6J

Readings: Mark 11: 1-11, Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-24

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+11%3A+1-11&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+118%3A+1-2%2C+19-24&version=NIVUK>

Holy Week and Easter

Thurs 1 April Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion <i>from the church, available online from 9am</i> Private prayer around the Garden of Gethsemane <i>in the church</i> <i>4.30-6.30pm</i>
Good Friday	An hour at the Cross <i>reflective service online from 9am</i> 11-11.30am Service <i>on the piazza</i> 11.30-1pm bring your prayers to the cross outside on the piazza
Easter Sunday	8.30am Holy Communion <i>in church – pre-book on 311488</i> 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 Easter Service <i>on the piazza with Holy Communion available</i>

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Maundy Thurs

Holy Communion *online from 9am*
Private prayer around the Garden of Gethsemane -
in the church 4.30pm – 6.30pm

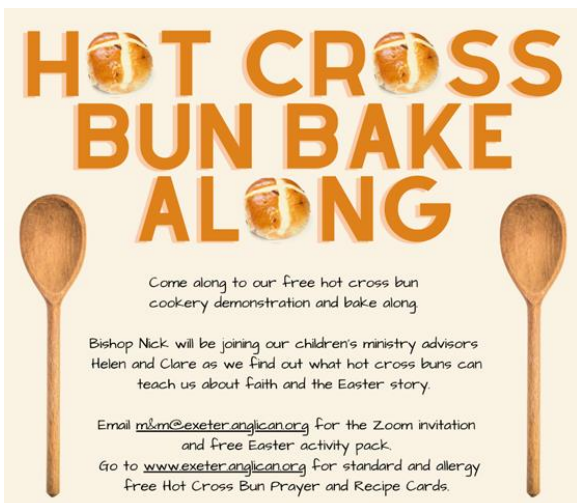
Good Friday

11.00am – 11.30am **Service on the piazza**
An hour at the cross - Reflective service online from 9am
11.30am- 1.00pm **Bring your prayers to the cross**
outside on the piazza

Easter Day

2pm **Hot Cross Bun Bake-along** *see website notices*
8.30am Holy Communion *in church – pre-book please on 311488*
9.30am Breakfastzone *online*
11.00 Easter Service *on the piazza*
with Holy Communion available

Easter Prayer Walk available from after 4pm Maundy Thursday in the Church Garden (next to main car park)



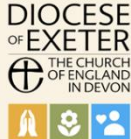
HOT CROSS BUN BAKE ALONG

Come along to our free hot cross bun cookery demonstration and bake along.

Bishop Nick will be joining our children's ministry advisors Helen and Clare as we find out what hot cross buns can teach us about faith and the Easter story.

Email m@m@exeter.anglican.org for the Zoom invitation and free Easter activity pack.

Go to www.exeter.anglican.org for standard and allergy Free Hot Cross Bun Prayer and Recipe Cards.



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OF ENGLAND
IN DEVON

JOIN US
ON ZOOM
AT 2PM ON
GOOD FRIDAY

**Thanks go to:
All volunteers at
the church and
beyond 😊**

Two Projects, One Vision The advert has gone in!

You can view on St.Matt's website or FB page

www.st-matthias-church.org/children-youth/children-youth-and-family-worker/

The Church Council decided this week to take a step of faith and begin to advertise for a SCYP worker – even though we have only received pledges for 75% of the full funding. So thank you if you have pledged to support this, and if you have not yet thought and prayed about it, please do. 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.

Please pray that we will find the right person for this important role. 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/>

Prayer

We would 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.

Morning Prayer – join in at 9.00 – 9.30am on Mondays and Tuesdays on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/yazznxns>. The Order of Service can be found on the Church of England website here: <https://tinyurl.com/27ukmm6j>

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

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| Sun | Praise God that we seem to be soon coming out of lockdown. Pray that we all have wisdom to know what we are allowed to do and where to go. |
| Mon | Pray for those in our families and church family who are sick, waiting for medical appointments/procedures, all in pain, worried about their families, carers, those in care homes – may they all know the presence of Jesus in their need. |
| Tue | Thank God for all helping the economy and businesses. The delivery drivers, packers and all who deal with shopping online. Pray for the entertainment industry, those running and owning pubs, restaurants, theatres. Pray that as they re-open they may use care and wisdom in how they do it. |
| Wed | Pray for peace in our world, especially the Middle East. Remember those facing not only political tensions but natural disasters, especially parts of Australia where they had faced awful fires and now serious flooding. |
| Thu | Pray for all who have lost loved ones through the pandemic, all who are ill and suffering physically, those who are finding life difficult mentally and socially. Those who have lost their jobs, those on furlough, those who suffer from depression and so have a short fuse and become angry easily. |
| Fri | Pray for the PCC as they discern what “being Church” means as we come out of lockdown. May they know what to keep going and what to change. |
| Sat | Remember Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Link Partner, who works at Potter’s Village in Kisoro, Uganda. Pray she may have wisdom in her dealing with vulnerable and sick babies and children, as she remembers how Jesus said, “Let the children come to me and do not hinder them.” Pray too, for her teaching work in the nearby Government hospitals. |
| Sun | As we come to Holy Week may we learn to take up our cross and follow Jesus. May we walk with Him into Jerusalem, onto judgement and Calvary, ending with the victory of Easter and the Resurrection. |



Spring Harvest 2021 UNRIVALLED: 10% Discount!!

[Spring Harvest 2021](#) is going virtual this year but still has a jam packed line-up of inspiring speakers, powerful worship and family entertainment including comedians Tim Vine and Milton Jones.

[Get your tickets here](#) and apply this code during the registration process to

receive 10% off the ticket price: [SH21CCL](#)



Diocese of Exeter Easter Competition We're really excited to be holding our second Easter art competition and this time grown-ups can enter too! All you need to do is take a photo or make a 60 second video on the theme "Bursting With Life" and email it to mandm@exeter.anglican.org along with your name, age (if under 18) and a sentence about your photo or video by **Monday 12 April**.

There are categories for u11s, u18s & adults, with delicious Easter Egg prizes for the winners. All work must be your own and any people you feature need to give their permission. The winning entries will form an online art exhibition. We'd love as many people as possible to take part. Happy snapping!! For more information click on this link: [Share the competition with your whole community with this flyer.](#)



Palm Crosses There is a supply of palm crosses in the North Porch – please do help yourself.

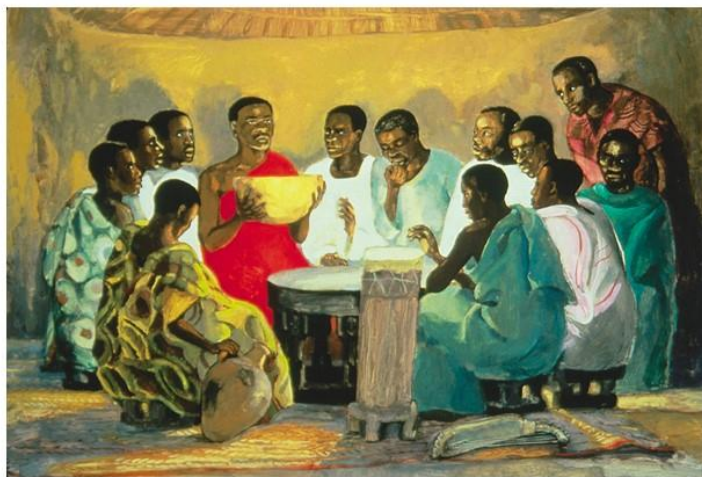
Begin Well Great news - on Tuesday evening our first anti-natal course for parents-to-be ended after 6 zoom sessions!



Begin Well is a charity formed because there are now no free NHS such classes available but believes everyone should be able to access this learning - for free. Jan, Tessa, Liz, Kate and Lena have teamed together to deliver this course and had 10 couples from across the Bay for this first one. This is fantastic outreach for St Matts - the team will now keep in contact with these parents and be encouraging them to join Toddlers and much more! Planning is now underway for the next course - with 3 bookings already received! Huge thanks to our fantastic team! *Lena*

Torquay Community Larder would welcome donations of the following: Tinned Peas, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Squash, Jam, Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Toilet Rolls. They have enough pasta and sanitary items and toiletries. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection.

Wondering through Holy Week.....Godly play on St Matthias YouTube starting Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. Join Lena Fearnley for a reflective space for us to explore Holy Week together. There are 5 short sessions in this series and which will be available from Palm Sunday, Monday 29th, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



from the collection La Vie de Jesus Mafa,
Paintings by artists in Cameroon.
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee ,USA



Wondering through Holy Week

Join Lena Fearnley for

Godly Play

A reflective space for us to explore Holy Week together

An instalment will be available from each of these dates –

Sunday 28th March

Monday 29th March

Thursday 1st April

Friday 2nd April

Sunday 4th April

www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk
or through St Matthias Church's website

Come Join Us
At St Matthias Church
Outdoors

Saturday 10th April
and
Sunday 11th April
2 - 4pm

Come and take part in our
Spring themed event, full
of outdoor fun, crafts,
worship and much more!

Including the Parable of
the Sower

Helpline Contact Details:

- **Mental Health Matters Devon** provides a 24 hour, 365 days a year mental health helpline **0800 4700317** and telephone advice and support at <https://www.mhm.org.uk/the-moorings-devon>
- **Samaritans** are available 24/7. They also offer a call back service and follow up calls. Call FREE: 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org
- **Mindline** - call **0300 330 5464**, 8pm-11pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If lines are busy, you will be connected to their sister service, Samaritans on **116 123**.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** 0800 917 7650
- **Drinkline** (For advice/support on drinking) 0300 123 1110
- **National Domestic Violence Helpline 24-hour helpline:** 0808 2000 247

Pre Booking is essential – we obviously need to limit the numbers on each day. This event will go ahead whatever the weather, so dress appropriately!
Please book, indicating which day, by calling Lena Fearnley on 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

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

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**The Right Reverend Robert Atwell
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16th March 2021

Please find an opportunity to share this letter with your congregation(s)

Dear Friends in Christ,

In 2020 the Parish of Torquay St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity contributed £99,266.00 to the Common Fund

I am writing to express my sincere thanks for your contribution to the Common Fund last year. In spite of the huge financial challenges that we have faced during the pandemic, your parish has continued to demonstrate your commitment to the mission and ministry of the church in Devon.

I am greatly encouraged by your generosity and that of other parishes, and the way people are reaching out in service to their local community, particularly the housebound and isolated. The restrictions that lockdown brought did not dampen your willingness and determination to grow in prayer, to make new disciples and to serve the people of Devon with joy. Thank you for your faithfulness and all you have done at this difficult time.

With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the name 'Robert Atwell'. The signature is written in a cursive style.