



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	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting
6pm	Winter Night Shelter <i>in the Hall</i>
During the Week	
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>
	7.30-9.30pm Girls Allowed "Treasures" <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	11am Funeral of Gladys Reeves
Thurs	1.15pm Funeral of Barbara Martin
Fri	2.30pm Funeral of John Purdy
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sunday 3 March	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Winter Night Shelter <i>in the Hall</i>

Thanks go to...those who wash the tea towels for use in the Centre 😊

Readings

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’

¹⁸The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

‘This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called “woman”,
for she was taken out of man.’

²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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

Luke 8: 22-25

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!' He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	The services today that all who come into Church may know they are on Holy Ground and worship in Spirit and Truth.
Mon	As Lent approaches may we prepare ourselves to give of ourselves to God. And may many of us attend and learn from the Lent Course.
Tues	Praise God when we see God at work amongst us. Praise Him for being with Mollie Baldwin and others. Thank God for the NHS caring.
Wed	Pray for those attending the Night Shelter in our Church Hall.
Thurs	Pray for peace and order in our world and especially in our Government.
Fri	Continue to praise God for generous and sacrificial giving to the Wellspring Project. Pray for those who still find the idea difficult.
Sat	Pray for the charities we support and all they do to alleviate the suffering of our world, both natural and manmade.
Sun	Pray for our Church Leaders and especially for those leading services today.

What's on and News

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday on 6 March.** There will a service of Holy Communion at 9am and 7pm. **Lent Course** we are running a Lent course again this year on six Tuesday evenings and repeated on Wednesday mornings starting on 12 & 13 March – see posters for more information. **Lent Lunches** will be offered again this year beginning on Wed 6 March and every Wed until Easter. 12-1.30pm. Delicious bread and cheese lunches with pickles, fruit and coffee/tea. All profits to Christian Aid so do come and support this worthwhile cause and why not bring a friend?

Easter Gift Shop Following the success of the Christmas Shop, there will be an Easter shop on Sun 7th April with **profits to The Wellspring Project.** There will be a selection of lovely Easter cards and gifts and if you would like a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg please let us know as soon as possible. The Eggs (milk or dark) retail at £4.99 (standard size inc Easter story booklet), or £9.99 (larger egg with booklet, orange

chocolate bar and woven bookmark) or a very large egg priced at £30 filled with 30 smaller individual eggs with the words 'Christ Is Risen' on the wrapper plus 30 little booklets. Please register your interest to us now by phone on 01803 916338 or email dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk or in church so we can get an idea of quantities. The eggs are incredibly popular and cannot be ordered on a sale or return basis which is another reason to place your orders ASAP. Thank you! Val and Dave

Church Electoral Roll Being on the Electoral Roll is a way of saying... **"I belong"** here at St Matthias. Each year we revise the roll but every six years it is fully revised and we all have to reapply. If you are on the current roll or the church contact list then please collect a named envelope from the back of church or there are spare letters for anyone else who would like to consider being on the next electoral roll. And please remember to return your application form to us once completed! 😊

10 March 'Money Matters' @ 12pm – following our morning service two professionals (a solicitor and chartered financial planner) will be joining us for a useful advice session on money management, wills and lasting powers of attorney. This informative session (1 hr) is for all age groups, not just 'older' members! To enable both parents to attend we will be providing activities for children. Money management is an important part of our lives as Christians. Please stay to hear what our experts have to say.

MISSION SHED – *for anyone who has a heart to share the Good News through mission. Our 2nd South Devon gathering is Thursday 28th at 7:00 at St Mary's Church, Abbotsbury Newton Abbot. See Paul or Tessa for details if you are interested.*

We're sad to hear that John Purdy has died. His funeral will be held on Friday 1 March at 2.30pm. We have also just heard that Margaret Knapp has died. Details of her funeral will be announced in due course. Please pray for their families and friends at this time.

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



Have you checked your carbon footprint lately?

Try this online tool:
www.footprint.wwf.org.uk

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.