



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)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service
12pm	Money Matters seminar <i>in the Hall</i>
5.30pm	Evening Service
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>
	7.30pm Lent Course <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	10.15am Lent Course <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12 noon Lent Lunch for Christian Aid <i>in the Hall</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Thurs	11.30am Funeral of Mollie Baldwin
Fri	6.30-8pm TGIF
Sat	<i>9am Men's Breakfast at English Riviera Centre</i>
Sunday 17 March	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30pm	'Route-66' – youth-led service – <i>all welcome</i>
Mon 18 Mar	6.30am Christians Together early morning prayers <i>in the Hall</i>

Thanks go to...those who open the church daily for visitors 😊

Count Your Blessings

*How are you keeping Lent?
See back page for more information.*

Readings

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have entered the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.' Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."'

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.'

⁸ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."'

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you

to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for the United Family Service and that folk from all services will meet as they worship together. Pray for the evening service and all leaders.
Mon	Remember Her Majesty the Queen and her Government at this difficult time. May every MP speak with integrity, honesty and respect.
Tues	Pray for all in business in Torbay as times are very tight, especially in the building trade. Pray for all who are homeless and finding life difficult.
Wed	Pray for the Lent Course yesterday and today - may we draw nearer to Christ. Pray too for the Lent Lunches for the work of Christian Aid .
Thurs	Please remember the family and friends of all who have recently been bereaved . May they know the love of Jesus surrounding them.
Fri	The Young People meet on most Fridays (T.G.I.F.) Thank God that it is Friday . Pray for Victoria as she leads and pastors them.
Sat	Pray for all who are facing difficulties in their health, marriages or other relationships. May God give them grace to solve these problems.
Sun	Praise God for all the Staff Team as they lead worship today, for the Prayer Ministry Team and Young People as they lead the vibrant evening service.

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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.

LENT



- Lent Course 'Talking Jesus'** begins on Tues 12 March at 7.30pm and is repeated on Wed mornings at 10.15am. Runs for 6 weeks. The course is free (booklet £1). Coffee available at the start.
1 in 5 people want to find out more about Jesus. The Lent Course this year aims to equip each one of us to be better ambassadors for our faith. Come along to as many sessions as you can. Everyone welcome. Themes are:
Week 1: Everyone talking Jesus Week 2: What motivates us?
Week 3: Living distinctively Week 4: Our story
Week 5: God's story Week 6: Go on talking Jesus
- Count Your Blessings** – a resource from Christian Aid to use through Lent to help us practise gratitude and generosity. Booklets or posters available at the back of church. (Don't feel pressured to give the amounts they suggest. Any amount you give will make a difference.)
- 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?
- Lent Books** There is a good selection of books for Lent reading on the bookshelves at the back of church. You are welcome to borrow one if you wish.

Count Your Blessings

TODAY 'Money Matters' @ 12pm in the Hall – 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.

We're sad to hear that Mollie Baldwin has died. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 14 March at 11.30am. Please pray for her family and friends at this time.

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

Church Electoral Roll is being fully revised this year. The deadline for returning your form is Sunday 17 March. Thank you.

Annual Church Meeting 7 April at 5.30pm in the Hall (tea from 5pm) with provision for children. (The PCC currently has up to 6 vacancies.)