



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	Growzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30pm	'Route-66' – youth-led service – <i>all welcome</i>
During the Week	
Mon	6.30am Christians Together early morning prayers <i>in the Hall</i>
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>
	3.15pm Messy Church
	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	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sat	12.30pm Wedding of Susie and Mike
Sunday 24 March	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i> (10.30am short PCC Meeting)
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting

Thanks go to...those who care
for the sick 😊

Count Your Blessings

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

Readings

Psalm 123

¹ I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
² As the eyes of slaves look to the hand
of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to
the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he shows us his mercy.

³ Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy
on us,
for we have endured no end of
contempt.
⁴ We have endured no end
of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

Philippians 2: 1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
⁶ who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death –
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest
place
and gave him the name that is above every
name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

John 13: 1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew

that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ 'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.' ⁹ 'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!' ¹⁰ Jesus answered, 'Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. ¹³ 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for the services today, especially Growzone and all who lead the services.
Mon	Pray very much for our Government that it may be able to sort out the mess it is in at the moment. Pray for wisdom for all Members of Parliament.
Tues	The Lent Course is about talking Jesus. Ask yourself when you last talked about Jesus to a non believer. Pray for opportunities to do so. Pray that each church member might identify what service they may do in the church family.
Wed	Pray that the PCC will know how to manage the role of Treasurer as methods will have to change as the church grows. Pray as to whether you should offer to be a PCC member at the Annual meeting in April.
Thurs	Pray for the Wellspring Project and that the right contractors will be appointed.
Fri	Think of all those who are ill or face difficult decisions that God will meet them.
Sat	Pray for peace in our troubled and divided world and for all world leaders.
Sun	Pray for those who take part in the services.

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LENT



- 1. Lent Course 'Talking Jesus'** began last Tuesday at 7.30pm and is repeated on Wed mornings at 10.15am. Runs for 6 weeks. The course is free (booklet £1). Coffee/tea 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.
- 2. 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.)
- 3. Lent Lunches** are being offered again this year every Wed until Easter. 12-1.30pm in the Hall. Delicious bread and cheese lunches with pickles, fruit and coffee or tea. All profits to Christian Aid so do come and support this worthwhile cause and why not bring a friend?
- 4. 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



Deadline today! The Church Electoral Roll is being fully revised this year. The deadline for returning your form is today 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. For more information see David Wilkinson, PCC secretary.)

Girls Allowed Monday APRIL 1st – a quiz, mystery guest and time to chat – in the Hall 7.30-9.30pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Hall or email Ruth on jrmp@btinternet.com. Refreshments, £3 donation on the night.

PCC reminder – short meeting at 10.30am on **24 March** to approve accounts.

Street Pastors 30 March It's back by popular demand! The big coffee morning/book sale in aid of Street Pastors on Sat 30 March 10-1pm at Highview, Rosehill Rd, Torquay TQ1 1RJ. Hundreds of novels and children's books in great condition at bargain prices plus an excellent social occasion.

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.