



## 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 (10.30am short PCC Meeting in the Lounge)</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting
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
Fri	6.30-8pm TGIF
Sunday 31 March – Mothering Sunday	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Family service for Mothering Sunday
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion

### Collect

Eternal God,  
 give us insight  
 to discern your will for us,  
 to give up what harms us,  
 and to seek the perfection we are promised  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	Pray for the leaders of our Church, Her Majesty the Queen, the two Archbishops, our own Bishops, Archdeacons, Rural Dean and Staff Team.
Mon	Continue to pray for the Lent Courses that people will learn and want to Talk Jesus.
Tues	Pray for the PCC as they “approve” the Church accounts. Pray whether you should offer to take one of the vacant seats on the PCC.
Wed	Pray for all who are sick in hospital or at home. Pray for all immigrants or refugees and all who are suffering at the moment.
Thurs	Pray for all the different organisations having meetings - Home Groups, Alpha, Girls Allowed, pre-school and others.
Fri	Pray for the work of the expanding Youth Team, Victoria who leads them and all who help them. Pray that they may have a real fun time but also meet with Jesus.
Sat	Pray for peace in our divided and hurting world. Pray for our own country that the difficulties will be sorted out amicably.
Sun	Remember to pray about all the plans for the Wellspring Project, especially immediately for the appointment of contractors. Pray that all will be done to the glory of God.

**Thanks go to...**helpers at the  
Open House Parents and  
Toddler Group 😊

**Count Your Blessings**

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

**See separate sheet for this  
week's readings**

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## *What's on and News*

**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.

**Girls Allowed Monday APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** – 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 [irmp@btinternet.com](mailto:irmp@btinternet.com). Refreshments, £3 donation on the night.

**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 – there are nomination forms available at the back of church.

***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.

**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. Egg prices start at 4.99. Please register your interest to us now on 01803 916338/[dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk) or in church so we can get an idea of quantities. Thank you! Val and Dave

***PICKED FOR A PURPOSE:*** *bearing fruit in times of hardship*, Merylyn William's latest book of testimony (pen name Mel Menzies) is now available for purchase from bookshops and it will also be available at the **Easter Shop in the Hall** on 7<sup>th</sup> April (see separate notice). The book deals with health issues, relationship problems, drugs and gang culture, and all proceeds from sales are for The Prince's Trust, a charity empowering young people.

**Easter Craft Stall** - Matts Knits are having an Easter craft stall to raise funds for the Wellspring Project in the Hall at coffee time on Sundays 7 and 14 April.

**Please see noticeboard** in the Hall for details of a hospital chaplaincy course and Towns celebration event on 30 March.

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



**Fish'n'chips'n'film at Church on Saturday 13th April** 7-10pm approx.

Vote for your film choice when buying your meal ticket - £7.50 each, gluten-free available. The meal is at 7pm so you could just join us for the takeaway!

Soft drinks available or BYO. Tickets now available at a service near you...

**Torquay Community Larder** – are always grateful for any donations you can give. The basket is at the back of church. Thank you.

## LENT



- 1. Lent Course 'Talking Jesus'** continues on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and is repeated on Wed mornings at 10.15am. 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 book shelves at the back of church. You are welcome to borrow one if you wish.

**Count Your Blessings**



### Wellspring Update

We have started showing building companies around the church as they prepare tenders for the Project. We are hoping to review these on 25 April. In the meantime please continue to top up your money boxes and Smarties tubes so that we can collect them all in on Easter Sunday.