

Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.

Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.

Palm Sunday	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service
6.30pm	Churches Together service at Central Church – <i>no evening service here</i>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	12.30pm Funeral of Mike Luntz
	<i>No Knits today</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
Maundy Thursday	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	7pm Holy Communion
Good Friday	10.30am All Age Family Service <i>followed by coffee and hot cross buns</i>
	2pm 'Last Hour at the Cross' <i>a service of devotion with periods of silence</i>
Easter Sunday 21 April	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	<i>Growzone – informal service for all ages</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Family Holy Communion
5.30pm	'Praise Party' <i>led by the young people – all welcome</i>

Easter Sunday – come dressed in white or gold to celebrate!

Readings

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Luke 19: 28-42

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Palm Sunday Pray for the services today, especially for the Churches Together service at Central Church . Pray that this service gets good attendance from our Church.
Mon	Pray that we may give time to walk with Jesus as He walked to Jerusalem. So let us also pray for the peace of Jerusalem this Eastertide.
Tues	Pray for the last of the Lent Course sessions. Pray that we may all be equipped to talk and walk about Jesus with all we meet.
Wed	Pray for all who suffer hardship of any kind - the homeless and hungry, the unemployed, and nearer to home all who are unwell at home or in hospital.
Thurs	Maundy Thursday We remember Jesus at His Last Supper with His disciples, His washing of their feet . May we show this love to each other.
Fri	Good Friday Thank God on this Holy Day for our Lord’s obedience to dying on the Cross for our Redemption and pray we may understand the full impact of this day. Also for the Last Hour at the Cross when we hear the Story and spend time in silent devotion.
Sat	Pray for all the Staff who will be tired. For those who have been at Spring Harvest, that they may share and reflect on what they have learned.
Sun	EASTER SUNDAY Halleluia Christ is Risen . Praise today for this glorious message of God’s great love. Pray that all our services are full of praise and thanksgiving.

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

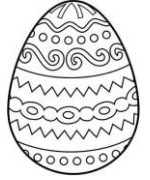
Thanks go to... our
 musicians and singers 😊

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.

What's on and News

TODAY

Easter Craft Stall - Matts Knits are having a craft stall to raise funds for the Wellspring Project in the church/hall at coffee time on 7 and 14 April.



UV Men present...laughs, music, magic and fun with the amazing John Archer at the Riviera International Centre on 17 May at 7pm. Tickets from Upton Vale on 01803 400403 or email UVmen@uptonvale.org.uk

Men's Breakfast 20 April at 9am – see Charlie for more info or call 07917 005406

Messy Church Tuesday 23 April at 3.15pm – come and join the fun 😊

Thank you to everyone who gave money for the Christian Aid Appeal for Cyclone Idai – the money has been forwarded to them.

'Ways to Serve' leaflets – thank you – we have had 65 completed forms and we aim to get in touch with those who have offered to serve over the coming months. If you have not completed a form and wish to, copies can be found at the back of church – please put them in the 'post box'.

Smarties tubes and money boxes – please bring them back by Easter Sunday. Thanks.

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

Wellspring Update

We have started showing building companies around the church as they prepare tenders for the Project. We are meeting with the architect and quantity surveyor on 25 April to discuss the tenders which have been returned – please pray about this whole process as we decide how much of the project we can go ahead with.

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