



Welcome!

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

Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.

Easter Sunday	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone – <i>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>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF
Sunday 28 April	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone – <i>informal service for all ages</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting

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

Readings

Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Luke 24: 1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	EASTER SUNDAY. CHRIST IS RISEN, HALLELUJAH HE IS RISEN INDEED Praise God that Jesus rose from death; and that we can have freedom from our wrong doing because Jesus has overcome the powers of Satan and so we have freedom to walk and talk with Him.
Mon	Pray for families on holiday, that they may have fun and refreshment. Pray for all our families preparing for examinations.
Tues	Pray for “Messy Church, for the leaders and all children talking part. May they be able to see Jesus.
Wed	Pray that all who attended the Lent Course “Talking Jesus” will have been inspired to share their faith journey with others.
Thurs	Pray today for the Wellspring Project and the meeting today with the Architect and Surveyor to review the tenders. Pray that all involved will have wisdom and unity.
Fri	Pray for peace and order in our country and world. Pray for our Prime Minister and her Government as they try to sort out Brexit. Pray for all who loved “Notre Dame” after the terrible and sad fire. Help all those involved in its restoration.
Sat	Pray for our Staff Team as they lead in so many ways. Pray for John and Ruth especially as they prepare for John’s Sabbatical coming soon.
Sun	Remember those leading or taking part in Prayzone and Morning Worship. Pray that more will come to the afternoon Prayer Meeting and that people will realise the importance of prayer.

Collect

God of glory,
 by the raising of your Son
 you have broken the chains of death and hell:
 fill your Church with faith and hope;
 for a new day has dawned
 and the way to life stands open
 in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**Thanks go to...our clergy
 and readers 😊**

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

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

'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'.

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

Lent Lunches raised a wonderful total of £716.85 which will be sent to the Christian Aid Appeal for Cyclone Idai (SE Africa). Thank you to everyone who attended and gave so generously.
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EASTER AFFIRMATION

This is the Good News –
The grave is empty,
Christ is Risen
HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News –
The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness can never put it out.
HALLELUJAH!

This is the Good News –
Once we were no people,
Now we are God's people.
HALLELUJAH!

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Wellspring Update

Thank you for bringing back your money boxes and Smarties tubes. We hope to hear more news soon about which parts of the project we are going to be able to go ahead with and which parts we need more money for! We are meeting on 25 April with the architect and quantity surveyor to review the tenders. The PCC will then be able to come to a decision in the coming weeks about what the next steps will be. Please keep praying! Thank you.