



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</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting
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>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	<i>Elections all day in the Hall</i>
	<i>No Chat @ St Matts today</i>
Fri	<i>6.30pm Youth Club at St Mary Mag's</i>
Sunday 5 May	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion

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.

Readings

Acts 5: 27-32

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,' he said. 'Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.'

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

John 20: 19-end

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. Praise God that Jesus is alive and pray that we may walk and talk with Jesus.
Mon	Pray for the Alpha Courses, the Home Groups, the up-coming Bible Course.
Tues	Pray for peace in our country and the world. Think of the leaders of the nations that they may have God's wisdom and integrity.
Wed	Pray for John and Ruth as they go on Sabbatical for three months and that they will have real refreshment of body, soul and spirit.
Thurs	Pray for all the planning for our Wellspring Project, praying that all who are appointed to do the work may get together and it may be a pleasure.
Fri	Pray for all families and people with relationship problems, that they may find God's hope of forgiveness and unity.
Sat	There are many in the church family who are sick, bereaved or worried. Pray that God's gift of reconciliation and healing may be felt and seen.
Sun	Pray for the Staff team, the Prayer Ministry team, the lesson readers, the intercession leaders and welcomers and all who play any part in the services

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen

Thanks go to...Re-ordering
and Maintenance Group
(REM) 😊

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

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. *John and Sheila Hart*

Our children and young people are an integral part of the Church family and we continually seek to find ways to deepen their faith. We believe that one of the ways to do this is through group times on a Sunday. We will now be running three groups during the All Age Service (week 2), Growzone and Prayzone. These groups will stay out for longer and will not return to the service. This will provide consistency and continuity for the children as well as more time for us to explore our themes together. Any questions please talk to Victoria, Judi or Tessa.

Girls Allowed Wednesday 8th May 7.30 to 9.30pm in the lounge, Talk by Ros Ede, founder of Torbay Street Pastors and Ladies Lounge. Please sign up in the hall or email Ruth jrmp@btinternet.com £3 donation on the door.

Men's Breakfast 9am on 11 May at Riviera International Centre with speaker Dave Finnegan. Contact Charlie to book at c.allansen@btinternet.com 07917 005406

Torbay Domestic Abuse Service is launching a new workshop to assist the recovery of victims. They need half a dozen new or nearly new sewing machines. Do you have one sitting idle that you could donate? If so, please call Val Burch on 01803 916338.

Wellspring Update

Thank you for all the donations from individuals and groups towards the Appeal. The Tender meeting on Thursday was very encouraging with the lowest tender coming right on budget 😊 The PCC meet this afternoon to agree the next steps so we should have more news next Sunday!

Recent fundraising: The Smarties and money boxes raised £1000
The Matts Knits Easter craft stall raised £180. Thank you from Elaine to everyone who supported this.

Fundraising is still happening...

'The Wellspring Art Studio' is opening at Mike Burt's house in St Marychurch – his walls are filled with his watercolours which are for sale with proceeds to the Appeal. To arrange a visit contact Mike on 328229. Refreshments will be provided!



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