



## 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)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion
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 St Matt's Cats <i>in the church</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club
Sunday 19 May	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with visiting speaker from Tearfund</i>
4pm	<i>Confirmation Service at Exeter Cathedral</i>
5.30pm	'Route 66' youth led service – all welcome

### Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

## Readings

### Acts 9: 32-42

<sup>32</sup> As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. <sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralysed and had been bedridden for eight years. <sup>34</sup> 'Aeneas,' Peter said to him, 'Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.' Immediately Aeneas got up. <sup>35</sup> All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

<sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

### John 10: 22-30

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.'

***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.

**Thanks go to...communion and  
chaplaincy team 😊**

## For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world especially those in the persecuted church.
Mon	Pray for all those taking exams at the moment.
Tues	Pray for all involved in Christian Aid week and especially those mothers who will be helped by this year's collection.
Wed	Wellspring Project – please pray that the Pre-contract meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> May goes well.
Thurs	Remember all asylum seekers, refugees and homeless people especially in Torbay. Pray for organisations helping them, like Torbay Larder and others.
Fri	Pray for those who rule over us especially Kevin our local MP. Thank god for those who are called to serve in local and national government.
Sat	Please pray for all the sick folk in our congregation that the Lord will heal them. Pray too for all who have been bereaved recently.
Sun	Pray for the work of Tearfund. And pray for Suzy Wright who is being confirmed at Exeter Cathedral today.

**Wellspring Update** Thank you for all the donations from individuals and groups towards the Appeal. The PCC met on Sunday and have agreed in principle to go ahead with the re-ordering subject to further checks and formal approval at May's PCC meeting. Start date to be confirmed.

**Fundraising continues** as we endeavour to reach our target. Thank you to those who have pledged money – we would ask that you now consider redeeming your pledges or consider making one if you have not yet done so.

### And more fundraising...

'The Wellspring Art Studio' is open 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!



## What's on and News

**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.

## **Christian Aid Week 12-18 May**

This year, Christian Aid has a particular focus on supporting expectant mothers in parts of the world where childbirth is risky. This year there will be no house to house collections, and so you are invited to donate using the envelopes in the pews, and to place your gift in the collection plate either today or next Sunday.



**AN INTRO TO RIVERFORD ORGANIC VEG** “Colourful, inspiring, outstanding!” The Friends of St Matthias are looking forward to welcoming you at the Riverford evening on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Peter Larkin Hall. Join us for a demonstration and tasting session. Tickets just £7.50 of which £2.50 will go to the Wellspring

Appeal. Tickets available from the Friends table over coffee on Sunday morning or from the Church Office during the week.

**Ecclesiastical Insurance** are giving away £1000 to 500 charities. Anyone can nominate a charity to win one of these £1000 awards so please consider completing the online form to nominate St Matthias Church (charity number 1130983) – it’s quick and easy to do. Thank you. [www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good)

**Torbay Domestic Abuse Service** is launching a new workshop to assist the recovery of victims. They need 3 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. (Thank you for those already donated.)

The new **Open Doors World Watch List 2019** is now available. Open Doors is one of the charities we support as a church family. This booklet gives information on the top 50 countries where persecution of Christians is the highest, it's a great resource to help you pray for these countries. There are copies available on the table at the back of church or you can call Linda Townsend on 07790640372 for a copy.

**Sad news** We are sorry to announce that Pam Sanders has died. The date of her funeral will be announced soon. Please pray for her family and friends at this time.

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