

Welcome

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments in the Church at 10.30am.*

Sunday 23 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Prayzone	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	Morning Worship	Church
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Church
6.30pm	Night Shelter	Hall

Fairtrade stand (small) all morning in the Café area

During the Week

Shrove Tuesday	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers	Lounge
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	Lounge
	7.30pm Girls Allowed 'Pudding Evening'	Church
Wed	7pm Service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday (No 9am today)	Church

Sunday 1 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Breakfastzone	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Church

Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Exodus 34:29-32

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

2 Peter 1:16-18

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴ Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Thanks go to...

Everyone working in the
Environment Agency to
help with the floods☺

What's on and News

10 March Lent Courses begin

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm

10, 17, 24, 31 March

'Flourishing'

A series of talks led by Andrew Green on being what God wants us to be

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*Wednesday mornings at 10.15am*

*11, 18, 25 March & 1 April*

### **'Great Bible Stories'**

*A reading of some of the great bible stories*

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And in Holy Week there will be a reading of the whole of St Mark's Gospel (Tues eve & Wed morn)

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*Recommended book to accompany the Lent Talks is **'The me I want to be'** by John Ortberg  
(a refreshing and engaging read!)*

### **Additional suggested reading for Lent**

Have you considered something different for this year's Lent reading? If so may I suggest Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Gospel of Joy (aka Evangelii Gaudium)? A thoughtful, hopeful, wise and thorough overview of the Church's and hence each Christian's privilege and duty - to share the joy of knowing Christ Jesus with others. The book is fairly brief and it makes for both sobering and surprisingly encouraging reading. The Joy of the Gospel really is at the heart of this book - and it's infectious. We hope to have this book and the book by John Ortberg available for sale here in church.

Lindsay Glazebrook



## Children, Youth and Family Worker

We want to appoint a full time Family and Children's Worker here at St Matthias Church to replace Victoria Yates' part-time post

We need the help of the congregation to support this important ministry within the church:

Might you be able to:

- Pledge money to help fund a youth worker
- Write grant applications
- Pray that we can fulfil this role

*Further details over the page*

If you feel called to help this ministry, please speak to either a member of the Clergy or to Tony Barratt (Treasurer)  
07984 001973 / [tony@ab-consulting.org](mailto:tony@ab-consulting.org)

**An outward facing church reaching our Parish**

*BACS Details are as follows:*

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| <b>Bank:</b>         | CAF Bank                 |
| <b>Account name:</b> | PCC St Matthias Church   |
| <b>Sort Code:</b>    | 40-52-40                 |
| <b>Reference:</b>    | Youth Worker #           |
|                      | Account number: 00017933 |

The PCC believe we should be replacing our part-time youth and children's worker post with a full time one. This person would oversee the ministry to the children, youth and families.

In addition to the large number of children and young people in our church family, who we want to help grow as disciples, we have many great opportunities to reach out to families and children in our preschool and local primary schools.

However, the costs of employing someone must be met from our church family income, which is why we are launching this Appeal. It is a lot of money - we need about £27,000 per year to include salary, pension and NI etc.

But God has provided us with the money we needed for Wellspring\* and we believe that this is another step of faith which He is calling us to take. Please think and pray about whether God might be calling you to support this work financially.

- If so, please do so without reducing any existing giving – our 'Common Fund' payment to the diocese has increased from £93,000 this year to nearly £100,000 for 2020.
- We would much prefer to be able to offer someone more than a one-year post, so if you were able to pledge money over 2 or more years that would also be very helpful.

Could God be calling you to help complete some grant applications to various trusts (either for this or to cover the outstanding Wellspring balance)?

We would like to advertise as soon as possible – so please let Tony Barratt know before Sunday 29th March.

## Thank you!

*\*By the end of 2019, of a budget figure of around £832,000, we only have £38,000 outstanding. Wow! Praise God! We believe that a combination of some surplus PCC 2019 income, some further gifts from Friends and further grants (if someone is prepared to seek them!) should result in less than £10,000 remaining at the end of 2020. If need be, we can use some of our reserves to cover this payment, re-paying the reserves over the next few years, providing that the general giving in the Church continues to be healthy.*

## **Help needed**

**Christian Aid Lent Lunches** We're pleased to say that helpers have come forward and the lunches will begin on Wednesday 4 March and then every Wednesday during Lent. They will be served in the Hall from 12.15pm until approx. 1.30pm. Thank you.

**Warm Clothing** for ladies and men requested for the Night Shelter – secondhand lovely but underwear new please. Please put in pull out drawers at the back of church on the linkway side. Thank you.

**Coffee Makers** – can you help?



We've started serving coffee in the church at 10.30am (rather than the hall) and we urgently need more helpers to join the team. We also thank those who have been on the rota for many years and are looking to step down – we need others to fill their shoes please 😊 Please see Pere or Sylvia. Thank you.

## **Dates and what's on**

**Tuesday 25 February** Girls Allowed are hosting a Pudding Evening for **ALL** - blokes welcome! We'd love you to join us in Church to eat puddings and enjoy a fun picture quiz to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight & Shrove Tuesday. **Please sign up** in church or by emailing Ruth - [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com) - £3 donation on the door or **donate a PUD**.

**8 March** **This will be the last Sunday for the Yates family** before they move to Brixham. There will be a church family lunch that day to say farewell. To give to a collection for them please contact the office or place in the collection in an envelope marked 'Yates'.

**Thursday 26 March** Licensing of Stephen Yates will be at 7pm in Brixham. Please sign up for the event and if you would like a space on the coach.

**25 April Music Workshop** for all who love singing with Geraldine Latty and Carey Luce – all day singing plus evening concert – contact Anya for details:  
[jones\\_anya@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jones_anya@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Messages**

**Coronavirus** The latest advice this week from the Church of England about reducing risks of infection at Communion services in particular states that, so long as we follow the current 'best practice', then there is no need to take any extra precautions at present. Sharing the common cup of wine has a very low risk of passing infection of any type, but since our hands are a vehicle by which most infections are transmitted, we need to keep them clean. We will have alcohol gel available (on the

low cupboards at back of church) for everyone to use as they arrive, especially if they are feeling unwell, or blowing their nose a lot! The priest, and Holy Communion administrators, will also use the alcohol hand gel. If you are unwell, or are concerned about using the chalice, please either just receive the bread/wafer and/or ask for the non-alcoholic wine which is in separate disposable glasses. Contrary to what many of us were told many years ago, please do not dip your bread/wafer into the chalice (sometimes called 'intinction'). This has been proven to pass on infections far more effectively than drinking from the same chalice, because our hands can infect the chalice for everyone else! (It also has the potential to contaminate the chalice with gluten which may be harmful to someone who is gluten-intolerant). Thank you for helping us reduce the risks of this awful disease spreading so fast.

**Car Park** The disabled car parking spaces on the north side of the church have now been marked and are ready to be used. (Not for general use please.)

### **Children, youth and family worker? 😊**

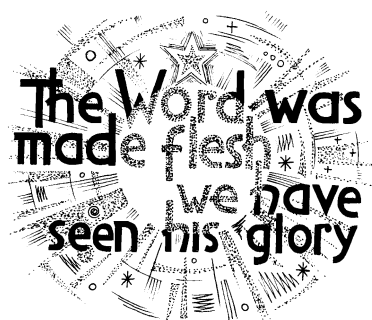
Today we launch an appeal to raise money to replace Victoria's part time role with a full time one. Please see the centre spread and posters and leaflets to see how you can help.

### **Keeping the church open for visitors – we need 4 more volunteers!**

Thanks to our existing team and to the people who have already expressed an interest in joining. Please speak to Pere if you would like to help to keep the church open at lunchtimes 12-2pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made the Carry the Love event with Circuit Riders possible. This includes those who hosted the band in their homes and provided meals, those who helped on the night with stewarding, those who despite cooking for ToWNS still found time to cook pizzas and provide coffee, those who organised rooms and drinks and not least, our own youth who welcomed young people from across the bay, many of whom gave their lives to Jesus.

**Great News!** 1st March 9.30am during Breakfast Zone, Bishop Jackie will be opening and blessing the Godly Play room. It would be great to have a bumper attendance - everyone welcome, including of course, all our families. The children will be taking part in the service and helping us to praise God for Children and Youth Ministry at St Matthias.



### For our prayers and praise this week

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| <b>Sun</b>   | Pray for the different services today including the prayer meeting, that all will have their hearts desires met.                                                               |
| <b>Mon</b>   | Thank God for the volunteers who have come forward to offer Christian Aid lunches. Praise God for John and Sheila's faithful ministry in doing this for thirty years.          |
| <b>Tues</b>  | Girls Allowed meet tonight and have invited men as well for a PUD and fun evening. Pray we will mix well and have Christian fun.                                               |
| <b>Wed</b>   | Remember Andrew Green preparing the Lent Courses "Flourishing". Pray for him to have the wisdom to pass on something for each of us. Pray the evenings will be well supported. |
| <b>Thurs</b> | This is Stephen and Victoria's last but one week in this Parish. Pray for them as they do their last packing and preparation to move. Pray for calm, clarity, & efficiency!!!  |
| <b>Fri</b>   | Pray for those who took refuge in our church last week, that they may have felt the presence of Jesus.                                                                         |
| <b>Sat</b>   | Pray about the Coronavirus epidemic and for wisdom in dealing with it. Pray for so many who have been bereaved.                                                                |
| <b>Sun</b>   | May we all worship today "in Spirit and in Truth" and so hear what Jesus wants to say to us.                                                                                   |

***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 or the Treasurer for more information about the PGS. Thank you.

#### ***Contacting the Church***

**Office:** Pere Snow 01803 214175

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**Children & Youth Worker:** currently vacant

**Blue Light Prayer:** 07579 030681