



## 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 8 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Church</b>
10.30am	Coffee	<b>Church</b>
11am	United Family Service	<b>Church</b>
12.15pm	Farewell Lunch for the Yates family	<b>Hall/Church</b>
6.30pm	Night Shelter – last one at St Matthias	<b>Hall</b>

### During the Week

Tues	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers	<b>Lounge</b>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	<b>Lounge</b>
	7pm coffee, 7.30pm start - Lent Course "Flourishing"	<b>Hall</b>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<b>Church</b>
	10.15am Lent Course "Great Bible Stories"	<b>Lounge</b>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club	<b>Hall</b>

### Sunday 15 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Church</b>
9.30am	Growzone	<b>Church</b>
10.30am	Coffee	<b>Church</b>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Church</b>
5.30pm	'Route 66' youth led service – all welcome	<b>Church</b>

#### Thanks go to...

Our church cleaners 😊

#### Thursday 26 March

Licensing of Stephen Yates - 7pm in Brixham.  
 The coach leaves outside the church promptly at 5.45pm!

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
 by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
 may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way  
 come to share in his glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

# Readings

## **Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17**

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup>If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. <sup>3</sup>What does Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup>However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup>For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup>because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup>As it is written: ‘I have made you a father of many nations.’ He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

## **John 3: 1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’ <sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’ <sup>4</sup>‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’ <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup>‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup>‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’ <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## Keeping a good Lent

### Lent Courses *begin this week*

*Tuesday evenings at 7pm for coffee, 7.30pm start on 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 on 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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### Lent Reading:

- *The book to accompany the Lent Talks is 'The me I want to be' by John Ortberg (a refreshing and engaging read!)*
- *Or you might try this: 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". Lindsay Glazebrook*
- *You can order both books in advance from David Burch on [dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk) £9.99 (Ortberg) and £6.95 (Pope Francis) or at the bookstall in church or Tuesday evenings.*

**Christian Aid Lent Lunches** every Wednesday from 4 March during Lent.

Served in the Hall 12.15pm until approx. 1.30pm. *(Contact Geoff Payne if you can help please).*

## *What's on and News*

**Children, youth and family worker? 😊 Pick up a blue leaflet!**

We want to replace Victoria's part time role with a full time one! However, unless we can find any grant monies, the entire cost needs to be met from our church family income. Please think and pray about whether God is calling you to support this work financially in addition to your general giving? Please let Tony Barratt, the Treasurer know what you can pledge to support this vital work. Thank you. John Beckett

**Saturday 21 March** Men's Breakfast...

**Car Park** please use the area nearest the north entrance for unloading or for disabled parking. We are trying to keep the piazza as a pedestrian/sitting area only rather than a car park. Thank you.

**Postponed** – music workshop with Geraldine Lacey 25 April - as a precautionary measure on account of Coronavirus – sorry 😞 Hope to re-run later in the year.

**Vans Colinas** In case you were wondering where the Vans Colinas are, Steve Vans-Colina is currently taking a 3 month sabbatical.

**Coronavirus** As a precaution we've decided not to shake hands at the sharing of the peace in our communion services. However, 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 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! 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 have been told in the past, 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! Thank you for helping us reduce the risks of this awful disease spreading so fast.

**Youth Quiz in Church on Friday March 27th, 6-8pm** Back by popular demand - a quiz for all ages with delicious Mocktail refreshments. £5 minimum donation - come with your friends and enjoy a great evening. All proceeds to our Compassion child, Mugisha. Many thanks, Ruth Elaine & Jack

| <b>For our prayers and praise this week</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Sun</b>                                  | The Yates family move to their Rectory tomorrow. Thank God for ALL they have done and been in their ministries here. Pray that they settle in quickly and their new Parishioners give them a warm welcome.           |
| <b>Mon</b>                                  | Pray for leaders in many countries where the Coronavirus is catching on. Pray that a solution may be found to stop it. Pray for Stephen as there are cases in his parish.                                            |
| <b>Tues</b>                                 | Remember all those who are ill, in pain or facing a procedure or operation. Pray that they may know God's healing in their lives. Pray too for the NHS.                                                              |
| <b>Wed</b>                                  | Pray for Rev Andrew Green as he prepares and then leads the Lent Groups. Pray that many will come and they will be encouraging to us all.                                                                            |
| <b>Thurs</b>                                | Pray for Church leaders many of whom face moral and theological problems in their work.                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Fri</b>                                  | Pray for Her Majesty the Queen and her family and for their problems. Pray for her Government and all who influence our country.                                                                                     |
| <b>Sat</b>                                  | Pray for Home Groups and other courses, the Pastoral Committee, Prayer Ministry Group, Chaplaincy members, Street and School Pastors.                                                                                |
| <b>Sun</b>                                  | Pray for all our services that our worship will be pleasing to God. Pray too for all who lead, preach and teach, pray, read, welcome and encourage each other. Pray for Nicci Maxwell (CMS link) soon on home leave. |