



## Welcome

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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Church</i>
9.30am	Growzone	<i>Church</i>
10.30am	Coffee	<i>Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>Church</i>
5.30pm	'Route 66' Youth-led Service	<i>Church</i>

### During the Week

Tues	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers	<i>Lounge</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	<i>Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church	
	7pm coffee, 7.30pm start - Lent Course "Flourishing"	<i>Hall</i>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee	<i>Church</i>
	10.15am Lent Course "Great Bible Stories"	<i>Lounge</i>
	12.15 - 1.30pm Lent Lunch (Christian Aid)	<i>Hall</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats	
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	<i>Hall</i>



### Mothering Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Church</i>
9.30am	Prayzone	<i>Church</i>
10.30am	Coffee	<i>Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship	<i>Church</i>
5.30pm	Monthly Prayer meeting	<i>Hall</i>

#### Thanks go to...

Our 'Open Church' team,  
 welcoming visitors  
 midweek 😊

#### Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son  
 went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
 and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
 mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
 may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen**

## Coronavirus update

- Sadly, but understandably, we've now been told not to share wine at communion, so we'll **just be using bread or wafers** for a while.
- We're also not '**sharing the peace**' with handshakes – but may have a go at learning 'sign language' instead!
- We're still having **coffee at 1030am**, but this will be in the hall now (we were planning to move it here anyway for weeks 1 and 3 as a trial) and to reduce hand contamination risk, we'll be serving coffee and tea from the Larkin hall kitchen.
- We've deliberately moved the rows of **seats farther apart**
- We continue to have **hand sanitiser** available for everyone to use as they come into church, and we will have **tissues and bins** available too – though of course if you are unwell, it's better not to come to church anyway (though do let the office know if you are unwell such that you would value pastoral support).
- We won't be passing a plate around for the collection, so do please leave any gifts in the baskets on the way in to church. Thank you.
- We're disinfecting door handles regularly, though you could try using an elbow for the door exit push buttons?
- Please **keep praying** that this virus will be stopped, & for our health professionals

## Readings

### Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup> So Jesus came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

<sup>11</sup> 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup> He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' <sup>17</sup> 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'

<sup>19</sup> 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

<sup>21</sup> 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.'

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?'

<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way towards him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile his disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'

<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.'

<sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?'



## 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:*

<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 #
	<b>Account number: 00017933</b>

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.*

<sup>34</sup> ‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> Don’t you have a saying, “It’s still four months until harvest”? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying “One sows and another reaps” is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.’

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I’ve ever done.’ <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.’

For our prayers and praise this week	
<b>Sun</b>	<i>“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”</i> Pray for the services this Sunday and all who lead them. Remember ‘Route 66’ the youth led service..
<b>Mon</b>	We desperately need a children, youth and family worker. Pray that we will find the funding for his/her salaries. Pray for the PCC as it seeks to appoint someone.
<b>Tues</b>	Remember the Yates family now in their new home having a break before being instituted as Team Rector. Pray that they will soon make friends in the Parishes
<b>Wed</b>	During Lent there are lunches in the hall raising funds for Christian Aid
<b>Thurs</b>	Pray about those suffering from the Coronavirus going round. May they have peace & quick healing. May we all be responsible in our actions about this
<b>Fri</b>	Think of and pray for all who are suffering as a result of political violence, natural disasters like floods and fires, all hungry and homeless
<b>Sat</b>	Thank God for the Men’s Breakfasts. Pray for Colin Young the planned speaker. Pray that he will have recovered by then.
<b>Sun</b>	Praise God for our staff team in all they do, especially now that Stephen has gone. Pray for Steve Vans Colina and family on Sabbatical. <i>“Praise the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name”</i>

## *News from the Yates family*

“Dear Friends, We were completely blown away by our day on Sunday, you gave us a wonderful send-off. We are sad to be leaving the family at Saint Matthias but we rejoice at being able to spend nearly four years with you. Thank you for everything (especially your gift), do pray for us in Brixham, we’ll be praying for you. With love, the Yates’.”

**Stephen is being licensed on Thursday 26 March at 7pm** in St. Mary’s Church, Brixham. At present, this is still going ahead, and if you have booked on the coach, it leaves outside the church promptly at 5.45pm!

## What's on

**Messy Church Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - is for Parents, Grandparents and Children. Come and join us for Bible Stories, Crafts, Celebrations and Supper. (No fixed charge, but contributions welcome.) After school from 3.15pm:

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Men's Breakfast** at the Riviera Centre. Please contact Charlie [c.allansen@btinternet.com](mailto:c.allansen@btinternet.com)

**"girls allowed"** meet on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, at Lincombe Manor, 7.30pm to 9.30pm for a talk on "Love Languages". Please sign up to Ruth by email [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com) or on the list in Church. Suggested £3 donation on the door.

**Youth Quiz in Church on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**ToWNS Celebration Breakfast** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March, St. Paul's Paignton 0845 – 930am breakfast; 930-1100am Report and Thanksgiving. *(Please text 07798772974 if you are able to go, and put 'TOWNS' in the text)*

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

**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.

**Wellspring Update** – we're still working on a fairly long list of 'snagging' including some significant items like the main doors – one arrived with scratches on it so this is due to be replaced this week, and the door closers are not working as expected... It's taking longer than we had hoped, so please bear with us –...thank you.

Together at St. Matthias, we're here to:

- Worship God
- Make disciples
- Transform communities

## Keeping a good Lent

### Lent Courses

*Tuesday evenings at 7pm for coffee, 7.30pm start. 'Flourishing' led by Andrew Green. A series of talks about being what God wants us to be. Come to any one or all of them...this week is entitled 'Dressing up: taking off and putting on'.*

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*Wednesday mornings at 10.15am 'Great Bible Stories'*

*A reading of some of the great bible stories. This week it's the story of Ruth.*

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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.*
- *There are also a range of second hand books available to borrow from the church library – on display on low cupboards in church*

**Christian Aid Lent Lunches** every Wednesday during Lent.

Served in the Hall 12.15pm until approx. 1.30pm.

### **Contacting the Church**

**Office:** Pere Snow 01803 214175

**Rector:** John Beckett 01803 293119

**Asst Minister:** Paul Barton 07807 636470

**Children & Youth Worker and curate:** currently vacant

**Blue Light Prayer:** 07579 030681