



Welcome

Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

or via the church website:

<https://st-matthias-church.org/about-us/covid-19-corona-virus/>

(or follow links from 'covid/coronavirus' or 'services' tabs on home page)

9.30am	Growzone (with Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Partner in Uganda)
10.30am	Coffee on Zoom ☺ Join Zoom Meeting at: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75194895309?pwd=ZWlkQUk4aUs2ckpPa0RDYjFsZ1l0UT09
11am	Holy Communion (with Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Partner in Uganda)
7pm	Light a candle in a window as a symbol of the light of Christ, as part of a national prayer initiative to pray for our government, healthcare workers, and all who are suffering from or working to combat the Coronavirus.

Bible Reading for today: John 20: 19-31

Find in your bible or link to:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+20%3A++19-31&version=NIVUK>

Next week

Tuesday 21 April	Messy Church Join us in the spirit of Messy Church! Enjoy breakfast on the beach with Jesus - crafts, prayers and song. Let's have lots of family fun discovering more of God's awesomeness!! Regular Messy Churchers will be receiving an email with details of how to join in...if you haven't received an email by Tuesday lunchtime please email: judithstannard@outlook.com
Sunday 26 April	9.30am Prayzone
	10.30am Coffee on Zoom ☺ Join Zoom Meeting at: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73307577325?pwd=ck1TTCtrVUJHM2x5ZFdrV0l4SWlxQT09
	11am Morning Worship

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 today to...

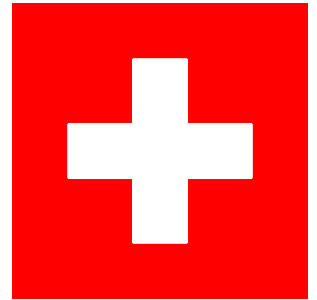
those collecting our
rubbish, working in
shops, delivering post,
carers in all settings,
the NHS and all
essential services 😊

A note from the Rectory

I came across a corny joke this week:

Q: What's the best thing about Switzerland?

A: I don't know but the flag is a big plus.



I realised that the lockdown has helped me appreciate more all of the positive things that God continues to bless us with: having food to eat; somewhere to live; friends and family to talk to over the phone. I've been noticing the birds singing more – I've worked out the call of the green woodpecker 😊 and been delighted afresh at the mystery and wonder of lettuce seeds germinating only 4 days after I have sown them!

I wonder whether we have also become overfamiliar about the Cross in the middle of Jesus life and in the upside-down truth of the Resurrection? In the space and time that some of us now have, might we rediscover the importance of that Cross, and enter more deeply into the mystery and wonder of the Resurrection?

God bless, John



News

Torquay Community Larder is still operating and in need of donations. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection. (As the church is closed donations cannot be left there.)

Lent Course This is still available on line - Andrew Green on 'Flourishing – being who God wants us to be' <https://st-matthias-church.org/media/>

The **Annual Church Meeting** has now been cancelled but we do still need to approve the accounts and have the annual report. We have been told that because we can't hold a meeting all officers and members will remain as they are until such time as we are able to hold a meeting, which must be before the end of October 2020.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Praise the Lord for our freedom to worship whether in church or by streaming digitally, and for those who are ready to share their expertise.
Mon	During the pandemic let's thank God for all carers - those from the social services, those working in care homes, all those we hear about in the emergency services, all the neighbours and volunteers who do shopping, dog walkers, and from many walks of life.
Tues	Pray for those on the front line - the doctors and nurses, the pharmacists, the porters, the cleaners, and many more.
Wed	Finally, we pray for all who have caught the disease, all in dreadful pain, those who suffer, those afraid, angry or worried and those who have died, their families and friends.
Thurs	In our church family we pray for the sick and worried. Those who face operations or whose operations have been greatly delayed. Pray for Steve V.C. that he may be healed quickly.
Fri	For our Queen and all the Royal family. Pray that they may look to God for wisdom and right decisions in all areas of their lives and duties.
Sat	We pray for each other that we may grow in our faith and witness. Pray that people may take notice of us that we have been with Jesus and want to know Him too.
Sun	Pray for our services and all who lead them and prepare them especially those sent out on the internet. May God really speak through the virtual services.

An important note - and from Tony, the Treasurer

LOSS OF INCOME FOR ST MATTHIAS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

Please see last week's notices (12 April) for full details of this article. *Please note the following correction.* To give to the church through the PGS scheme you will need the *Parish Code, which is: 151502701*

For further information or for help to set this up please get in touch. Thank you.

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Easter Bonnet Competition



...and the awards went to...

- ☺ 1st Prize George Pilgrim for his Sheep
- ☺ 2nd Prize George and Megan for their Bunny Ears
- ☺ 3rd prize to Rufus and also to Ben Stacy

...well done to all!

Although the church building is closed you can still contact the Church:

Office: 01803 214175 admin@st-matthias-church.org

(Pere Snow is on Furlough Leave but the phone has been diverted and is still being answered)

Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119

Asst Minister: Paul Barton 07807 636470

Blue Light Prayer: 07579 030681

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