



“Lessons from St Paul about making the message relevant”

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)

**Sunday
17 May**

9.30am Growzone

with Godly Play Story about St Paul also available

10.30am Join us for coffee at 10.30am every Sunday – on Zoom!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74077097424?pwd=M1Z5cjhEenlFSEtpMWFZa0txaExOZz09>

Meeting ID: 740 7709 7424

Password: Coffee

11am Holy Communion

8pm Prayer Vigil Light a candle in a window as a symbol of the light of Christ, as part of a national prayer initiative to pray for all who are suffering from or working to combat the Coronavirus.

Bible Reading for Today: Acts 17:22-31 & John 14:15-21

Find them in your bible or at:

Acts: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+17%3A22-31+&version=NIVUK>

John: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14%3A15-21&version=NIVUK>

Next week	
Thursday 21 May	Ascension Day Short service available from 9am at the usual links on line
Sunday 24 May	9.30am Prayzone
	Coffee on Zoom @ 10.30am Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74077097424?pwd=M1Z5cjhEenlFSEtpMWFZa0txaExOZz09 Meeting ID: 740 7709 7424 Password: Coffee
	11am Morning Worship
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting via zoom (<i>link in next week's notices</i>)

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus (<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>).



Since its start in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. In 2019 Christians from 172 countries took part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

- From Ascension Day on Thursday 21st May, we encourage you to unite as a church family by **praying The Lord's Prayer every day at 1pm**. For those of you with young children you may want to have fun creating a prayer space (<https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home>).
- TKC has joined with the 24/7 prayer movement and over this time they are praying 24/11 (i.e. all day for the 11 days of TKC!). It is hoped that there will be people praying continually throughout this period.
- St Matthias has taken on the responsibility of praying **9-10am on both Saturdays 23rd and 30th** so please join in with prayer in your homes for at least some of that time. In particular please pray for 5 people to come to faith.
- Our St Matthias Zoom **prayer meeting on Sunday 24th May at 5.30pm** will centre around Thy Kingdom Come.
- On Sunday 31st May instead of the usual live-streamed event from Exeter Cathedral there is a special live-streamed **Thy Kingdom Come celebration service at 6pm**. There will also be an online **prayer event at 8pm on Pentecost Sunday** in the evening with leaders from across the south west leading it as part of 'South West Prays'.

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

News

News about Steve, Amanda, Ben and Grace vans Colina:

Following Steve's recent sabbatical, the family have decided to move to St John's Church in Shiphay. While sad for us at St. Matthias, they see this as a positive move to enable Steve to develop his Reader ministry. However, as he writes:

"Deciding what to do has been an exceedingly difficult decision, primarily because, after 14 years there are many people at St Matthias that have become part of our extended family. Also, Ben and Grace have grown up with St Matts as a major part of their life and it has played a crucial role in sustaining and growing their faith. I cannot put into words the love and appreciation I feel towards the people of St Matts and would say that it has been an honour to share our lives with them."

Zoom

- Zoom coffee – do join in with coffee on zoom – see the links above.
- Please update your zoom program to version 5 which gives some improved security features - this has to be done by the end of May or else it will not work any more.
- Zoom trouble? John Gerard of St Matts has kindly offered to give tutorials about how to get the best out of Zoom – or even just to get started on it...do just phone him on 07870154084.

Computer issues?

We're aware that there are some email scams going around – please be careful never to reply to any email asking you to change your email address, or for any financial information. If in doubt try to phone the company concerned – but never using the phone number from your suspect email – dig out a paper bill or find the company number another way. If you are still concerned or confused, do phone someone else you know.

**Thanks today go
to...**

Teachers both at
home and in
school



Veg and Bedding Plant Sale

Weekends of **16th May and 23rd May** 10am-5pm, we are having a **Veg and Bedding plant sale!**

Most are still baby plants. It's all in a good cause for raising money for Nicci Maxwell in Africa and the Church Mission Society. If any one wishes to donate any excess plants I can pick up.

Come have a look what we have at the bottom of the drive!!

The Larches, Middle Warberry Road, Torquay TQ1 1RP
Love The Fearnleys x



More plant news! The Pre-School would be very grateful for any spare plants for the forest school area. If anyone has any please could they leave them in the forest school area of the garden and Liz and Jamie will plant them up in the planters. Thank you.

Daily Hope – A new phone line resource from the Archbishop of Canterbury's office which comes highly recommended.



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.)



Pentecost Sunday on May 31st is the church's birthday!

It would be great if everyone could make or buy a cake to celebrate! Please join us for coffee and cake on Zoom at **10.30 am** *or* for tea and cake at **4pm**. **Look out for the 'zoom links' next week.**

Christian Aid Week (10-16 May) This year the need for funds is even greater than usual given the drop in income they are experiencing along with many other charities; moreover, the impact of the coronavirus is particularly heavy on poor countries with limited healthcare infrastructure. Christian Aid are inviting people to donate and would prefer donations to be made on line at: <https://donate.christianaid.org.uk> Alternatively, cheques can be posted to: Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. Thank you.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	<p>“Bless the Lord O My soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name”</p> <p>Thank God for His love and faithfulness to us especially when life may seem bleak. Pray for those who put the services together.</p>
Mon	<p>Praise the Lord for the technology we have to share in worship together. Pray that we will not miss out because we don't understand it all fully.</p>
Tues	<p>Pray for all in our fellowship and families who are not well and those whose operations or procedures have been delayed or put on hold.</p>
Wed	<p>Remember before God our leaders and the Prime Minister as he and the Government try to deal with this deadly virus. Pray people will be wise in what they do.</p>
Thurs	<p>Pray for our National Church leaders especially the Archbishops and Bishops who have so many decisions to make.</p>
Fri	<p>Remember the suffering church where there is physical and national persecution.</p>
Sat	<p>Thank God for our Church Staff, praying that they may keep fresh and close to the Lord.</p>
Sun	<p>Pray for our services today and that we will be obedient to do what God says through the Staff taking part in our services.</p> <p>“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths”</p>

Prayer Request from Brunel Manor - they have asked for prayer for their very serious financial situation – they will go into administration at the end of June unless they find more money.

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 is still being answered)

Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119 **Asst Minister:** Paul Barton 07807 636470

Blue Light Prayer: 07579 030681

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