



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
24 May**

9.30am Prayzone

Before you join us for PrayZone it would be good if you could have some items to hand during the service! Hopefully you will be able to find them at home: A **loo roll** (more readily available now than 2 months ago!), some **soap** or hand **sanitiser**, a **tin** of food – beans, fruit or soup, and a mobile **phone** or **tablet**. All will become clear during the service! There is an activity sheet which can be downloaded from the Church website.

10.30am Join us for coffee on Zoom!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78018623503?pwd=d1B3eE5SenZtUTZrZ3BrM1ZDTIUrdz09>

Meeting ID: **780 1862 3503** Password: **Coffee**

11am Morning Worship

See church website for service sheet

5.30pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (via zoom)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76944543401?pwd=T090WUNEZ3VXSnhYNW5RWjVLTE83dz09>

Meeting ID: **769 4454 3401** Password: **Pray**

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: John 17: 1-26 Acts 1: 1-11

Find them in your bible or at:

John: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+17&version=GNT>

Acts: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+1%3A1-11&version=NIVUK>

**Pentecost
Sunday
31 May**

Why not wear something orange or red, as we would encourage you to do if we were meeting in church!

There will be one service today available from **9:30am**

Coffee on Zoom @ 10.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74077097424?pwd=M1Z5cjhEenlFSSEtpMWFZa0txaEz0Zz09>

Meeting ID: **740 7709 7424**

Password: **Coffee**



Tea and cake on Zoom @ 4:00 pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74094801861?pwd=UTBtTjRlRzJEWVJvK2laUDJFczhlZz09>

Meeting ID: **740 9480 1861**

Password: **Party**

Bring a cake to celebrate!

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Thanks today go
to...**

The armed forces
and police for
their help in this
time of need



For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God that Jesus ascended to heaven and lives to make intercession for us - hallelujah !
Mon	Pray for all those suffering from Coronavirus and all who treat them. Pray too, for all bereaved, many of whom could not say goodbye.
Tues	Think of all in our church family who are ill, waiting for cancelled appointments, in hospital. All who are lonely or feel out of touch, may they know Jesus' love.
Wed	Thank the Lord for 'Thy Kingdom Come' and for those who planned it. Pray that we will learn to pray more and see people being met by Jesus.
Thurs	Pray for all doctors and nurses, care workers and all who work for other people's needs and health, and all who influence other people through their service. Thank God there are so many helping outside their brief and

	even their comfort zone.
Fri	Pray for our leaders in Church and State - may they know God's wisdom and presence all the time.
Sat	Pray for our Church Staff. May they and each of us feel affirmed, loved and wanted as brothers and sisters in the Lord.
Sun	Praise God for the gift of his Holy Spirit and the Church's birthday on this Pentecost Day. May we see a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and in the days to come.

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 will be praying from **9-10am on Saturday 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'.

News

Get ready
for celebrating the Church's Birthday on
Pentecost Sunday



Bring along a birthday
cake to the Party

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 at **10.30am** for coffee and cake **or** for tea and cake at **4pm** (on Zoom).

Brunel Manor – Brunel Manor Trustees have been given some breathing space by your generosity and the hard work behind the scenes. They have received generous gifts from many and have also managed to access some finances offered by the Government.

Andrew the chair of trustees writes "We are thanking God for the response thus far and looking to Him for further provisions so that we don't only avoid administration but also retain control of our destiny for the foreseeable future. Pray that we may be able to discern his will for what the charity should be doing next."

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.

Thank you to the Fearnleys for raising £180 for Nikki Maxwell and the Church Mission Society last weekend at their veg and bedding plant sale. Well done! (They have sold out so no plant sale on 23 May but watch this space for future plant sales!)



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. 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.)

The Prayer Oversight Team has recently met to discuss, amongst other things, the 'Blue Light Prayer Phone'. With effect from 12 June 2020, when the phone contract expires, the BLPP will cease operating in its current format. From that date, any Emergency Prayer requests from church members who are part of a Home Group should contact their Home Group leader. Those who are not a member of a home group should contact the office via email or telephone. The team are continuing to explore how further to develop this area of prayer ministry.

Does anyone need a bike? Peter Martin has two men's bikes which are free to a good home. They are good quality bikes in good order apart from a layer of dust and could soon be on the road after a wash, a bit of oil here and there and some air in the tyres. Please contact Peter on 01803 315971.

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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