

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)

**Saturday
30 May**

9-10am Please join with St Matthias who will be praying at this time as part of the **Thy Kingdom Come** 24/7 prayer movement. In particular please pray for 5 people to come to faith.

The ZOOM meeting ID : 247 241 0247 Password: HisKingdom

**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 All Age service today available from **9:30am**

Coffee on Zoom @ 10.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: **740 7709 7424** Password: **Coffee**

Tea and cake on Zoom @ 4:00 pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74094801861?pwd=UTBtTjRlRzJEWwJvK2laUDJFczhlZz09>

Meeting ID: **740 9480 1861** Password: **Party**

Bring a cake to celebrate!

6pm Thy Kingdom Come celebration service live streamed from Exeter Cathedral <https://www.youtube.com/user/CofEDevon>

8pm Thy Kingdom Come online prayer gathering. Join with thousands of Christians and over 25 leaders from across the South West as part of 'South West Prays' <https://www.southwestawake.com/>

Bible Reading for Today: Acts 2: 1-41 Find it in your bible or at:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2%3A++1-41&version=NIVUK>

Next week

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

7 June 9.30am Breakfastzone

Coffee on Zoom @ 10.30am

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11am Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanks today go to...

Preschool Staff and
Management Committee
who have worked so hard
to enable Preschool to
open on 1st June 😊

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	<i>“When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together and suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the house. Divided tongues, as of fire, rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”</i> Praise God for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit and pray that He will engulf the whole of St. Matthias Church.
Mon	Pray for the whole world-wide Church of God. May there be greater love and acceptance between its members.
Tues	Give thanks for all who have worked so hard in this time of the nation being locked down.
Wed	Pray for all who are ill right now - both through Covid-19 and those with “normal” illnesses. Think especially of those whose routine operations or procedures have been delayed because of the pandemic.
Thurs	There are still many who have to be shut off and away from their family and friends. Pray for all who are sad, lonely, confused or even angry.
Fri	Pray for all our Staff team led by John and Paul. Thank God for their ability to produce our imaginative ‘virtual’ services. Thank God that so many people are plugging into them & hopefully finding comfort & hope.
Sat	Pray for Nicki Maxwell our CMS Mission Partner, all who work in and for our Patrons (like CPAS) and with the Societies and Charities we support.
Sun	May we worship God our Father who made us and sustains us, and all creation; God the Son who saves us through His Blood shed for us on the cross, and His Risen and ascended life; and God the Holy Spirit who strengthens us and shows us Jesus on this TRINITY SUNDAY.

News

Sad News Dougie Anderson died at his home on Wednesday. We will let you know of the funeral arrangements in due course.

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

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.

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.)

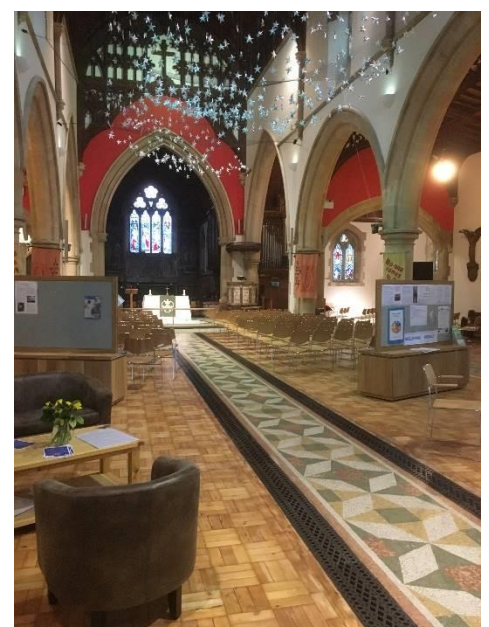


The Prayer Oversight Team has recently met to discuss, amongst other things, the 'Blue Light Prayer Phone'. With effect from 12 June 2020, when the phone contract expires, the BLPP will cease operating in its current format. From that date, any Emergency Prayer requests from church members who are part 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.

When will the church open again?

Even as lockdown begins to ease, it still feels quite a marathon we're in – especially if you live on your own – so it's no wonder that we are beginning to ask 'when



and how might we be able to use the church building once again?' The current Government advice is that Places of Worship *could* be open from 4th July – with the possibility of opening for 'private prayer' a little earlier. However, understandably, making church 'social distance compliant' is rather difficult. The Diocese of Exeter published a 12 page document giving ideas and guidance about how we might go about it! Do have a read <https://tinyurl.com/y96upx5l>

In the early stages at least, for people to use the church, it's going to be very different.

Perhaps the most disappointing thing is that we are unlikely to be able to sing 😞. Nor will we be able to enjoy a coffee together, and no one has yet come up with a plan to all share in the bread and wine of communion. Everyone will have to wash hands or sanitise upon entry and exit; be sat 2 metres apart; have a one way system to enter and leave the building; and to cap it all, we'll have to disinfect the surfaces between use.

Having said all that, we still hope we can have *some* simple acts of worship in church while we continue to produce online services, and be able to open the church midweek for people to come in to pray. To do all this, we shall need a significant number of stewards – like the people on the doors of our supermarkets – who can also clean and disinfect surfaces too. Please think and pray whether you are able to help with that?

On Pentecost Sunday, I encourage all of us to pray for the Spirit's guidance for the whole church, to pray for one another, and to persevere to seek and worship God from home. Pray for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit that we might continue to produce the fruit of love, patience and kindness.

Yours in Christ, John

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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