



Welcome on Mothering Sunday Sunday 10th March

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**The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors
or for personal prayer**

Sun 10 Mar Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://tinyurl.com/2pbtes7w
Mon 11 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 12 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – <i>knit and natter</i>
	2.30pm Girls Allowed <i>in the Hall</i>
	(7 for) 7.30pm Lent Course week 4 <i>(repeated 10am Wednesdays)</i>
Wed 13 Mar	9am Holy Communion
	10am Ukrainian support group
	10am Lent Course <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
Fri 15 Mar	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 17 Mar	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	11.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

Collect

Loving God, you sent your Son to be part of a human family. Strengthen us as we share family life together, in our homes and in our church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

Everyone who gives their time
to serve others here at
St Matthias



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Readings *(from the NIV-UK translation)*

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ 'Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have instructed a widow there to supply you with food.' ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, 'Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?' ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, 'And bring me, please, a piece of bread.'

¹² 'As surely as the LORD your God lives,' she replied, 'I don't have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it – and die.'

¹³ Elijah said to her, 'Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land."'

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Mark 1:29-34

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all who were ill and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



The Lent Course

'Marking Lent'

This year's Lent course is an exploration of Mark's Gospel.

We meet either on Tuesday evenings 7:30 – 9:00pm (7.00pm for refreshments) or Wednesday mornings (10:00 – 11:30am).

Session 4: 'The Teacher' (12th / 13th March)

On **Maundy Thursday 28 March** (from 7- 9pm) you are invited to join us for a reading of all of Mark's Gospel up to and including the Garden of Gethsemane, and we will share in the bread and wine of the Last Supper

Dates for the diary

Girls Allowed All ladies are welcome to our next meeting on Tuesday 12th March @ 2.30pm in the Peter Larkin Hall where we will be enjoying an afternoon of good company, conversation, craft and refreshments. A variety of easy crafts provided including making handmade Easter cards and decorating jars. Please reply by email or text to elainebiden@hotmail.com or 07974001227 to book your place or for further information. We look forward to seeing you - Sue, Andrea, Susie, Judi, Elaine

13th - 16th March @ 7.30pm 'The Screwtape Letters' (C S Lewis) by the Unleashed Theatre Company at the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Abbey Road

<https://www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com/whats-on/>

Reflections on the Journey

In *An Evening with Rob Parsons*, (from 'Care for the Family') we invite you to step into the untold stories from Rob's lifetime of overcoming obstacles, letting go of childhood labels and discovering that the past doesn't have to define us.

21st March, 7.30pm – 10pm. Belmont Chapel, Exeter. Tickets £8 – 11.

Two complimentary tickets may be available – contact the office.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/an-evening-with-rob-parsons/>

Church Spring Clean 23 March We will be having a Spring Cleaning Day to make the church building even more beautiful for our Easter Celebrations. This will be on Sat 23 March 10am-3pm - please come for as little or long a time as you are able - hot drinks and homemade **cake** will be available. Do bring a packed lunch if you are planning to be there all day. Please sign the list at the back of church - jobs include cleaning brass, hoovering, sweeping and cleaning wooden floor, light dusting and tidying. Please contact Elaine Biden for further information 07974001227.

Good Friday 29 March @ 12.30pm Christians Together Walk – meet at the Harbourside. Anyone is welcome to join in.

News

De-cluttering We're wanting to dispose of a few redundant items of church furniture that have accumulated over the years and were not original to the church – indeed not all of them are from St. Matthias! There are two small stand-alone prayer desks that have inscriptions on them, so we would like to contact any relatives about these before we do any more. So, if you can help us trace these people, or have an 'Ancestry' account or similar you could use to help, please let the office know. Thank you.

- Frederick and Anna Codner – dated 1935 -
- Thomas John Sloan who died in 1962 from friends of the Grange Dance Circle, Babbacombe

Trip to the Tip! I wonder if anyone is planning a tip to the trip in the next few weeks and if so would you have room for a few things from the church? (A small electric heater and 4 x 5L old containers of cleaning fluid.) If so please contact Pere in the office and thank you!

Supporting our ministry at St Matthias: you can give financially either through the Parish Giving Scheme tinyurl.com/rmacep7b or by scanning this code.



Denis Davis We have been informed that Denis Davis has recently died. His family has asked us to let you know that his celebration of life will be at 12 noon on Friday 22 March at St Mary's Wolborough, Newton Abbot and afterwards at Dainton Park, Totnes Rd, TQ12 5TN. We ask for prayers for his family and friends at this time.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Dear Lord, thank you for another day. Please watch over my family and friends.

Tue Father God, teach me how to be more loving, compassionate, patient, obedient and humble.

Weds Dear Lord, if I hurt others, please give me the strength to apologise. If people hurt me, give me the strength to forgive.

Thurs Dear God, help me to make decisions according to Your will and not my emotions.

Fri Father God, no matter what happens today, give me a heart that's willing to obey you.

Sat Dear Lord, give me eyes to see the blessings that surround me today and always.

Sun Dear God, I surrender my fears, worries and desires to you. Let your will be done in my life.