



Palm Sunday

Exploring the Spiritual Discipline:
'Submission'

Sunday 10th April

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Welcome!

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' home page

Today	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
PALM SUNDAY	10-10.30am Prayer Vigil for Ukraine
	11am Morning Worship https://youtu.be/iMF-DpXm-c <i>followed by coffee and a craft stall</i> Palm-Sunday - activity sheet
	4pm Encounter (<i>youth-led service for all</i>)

Our readings today are:

Philippians 2: 5-11 <https://tinyurl.com/2p8jwkpc>

Luke 19: 28-40 <https://tinyurl.com/5y925szb>

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

Pastoral Care Team



Monday – Friday 12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer

Mon 11 Apr	7.30pm Nicci Maxwell – Q & A session
Tues 12 Apr	12-1.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Hall</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church for Easter
Wed 13 April	9am Holy Communion <i>in church</i>
	10am Lent Course – week 5 <i>in church</i>

	7.30pm Alpha <i>on zoom</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7pm Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY	11am 'Explore Good Friday' <i>All Age Service followed by coffee and hot cross buns</i> 2pm 'An Hour at the Cross' <i>Service of Reflection</i>
Sat 16 Apr	10am – 12pm Coffee Box <i>on the piazza</i> 3.15pm Messy Church for Easter
EASTER SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i> 9.30am Explore Easter <i>with baptisms</i> 11am Easter Service with Holy Communion <i>beginning with praise on the piazza!</i>

Readings for Today

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death –
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19: 28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ 'Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden.

Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” say, “The Lord needs it.”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’

³⁴ They replied, ‘The Lord needs it.’

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples!’

⁴⁰ ‘I tell you,’ he replied, ‘if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.’

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2 June - Hog Roast and entertainment 12.30 onwards

Sunday 5 June - church family lunch after the service



News

Sad news Avril passed away on April 5th at Torbay Hospital. Malcolm has lost a lovely loving wife and Ashley a wonderful mum. We thank God for a great life and a lady who always thought and cared for others. Thank you for all your prayers from our church family. Further details will follow in due course.
Malcolm and Ashley

TODAY Matt's Knits Craft Stall in church after the service on Sunday 10th April. Proceeds to support Ukrainian refugees locally.

Minibus Easter Sunday If anyone would like a lift to church for the 11am service please contact the office.



Experience Easter

Take a moment during Holy Week to visit St Matthias (12-2pm each day). Parts of the church will be transformed to illustrate aspects of the Easter Story. Our wish is to share the truths of Easter with our community and to help us reflect on the Easter message in our lives.

Other News



Coffee Box...Outreach for Easter

On Easter Saturday, 16 April, between 10 and 12 noon, a 'Coffee Box' event for our local community is planned to take place on the piazza. There will be free refreshments, along with a chance for people passing by to have a chat, and - if desired - to be prayed for. To promote this mission event and our Easter services, flyers will be delivered to homes in local streets during Holy Week, starting 11 April. If you can spare an hour or two to assist with this, or would like to help on the Saturday morning, please contact Joanna Wilkinson on 01803 327429.



Messy Church... Last chance to book... For next Tuesday 12th or Saturday 16th April. Both days 3.15 - 5.30pm. We will be looking at God's Wonderful Surprise through fun, craft and worship. Supper is included for all! Please do contact Lena to

book in, so that I have an idea for catering numbers! stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org or 01803 295268.



Clothes Exchange – Don't Shop - Swap! 28 April 2-5pm in the Hall run by the Pre-School. Drop off at least 3 quality items at the Pre-School from 9am and come along and see what you can swap! More details from Liz on 215068

Ruth's Research Request One of my college assignments asks how the church helps people on their journey as disciples of Jesus. To answer this, I have a questionnaire which I'm asking randomly-selected people to fill in. Please check if there is a named envelope on the table at the back for you. If so, could you kindly read and complete it and return to me in the next fortnight please? There will be a sealed box at the back of church for your reply. Many thanks, Ruth Beckett

Ukrainian Refugees Several churches of different denominations in the Bay have come together to discuss ways we can help support our Ukrainian guests and their hosts. We are working with the local authority and the voluntary sector. However, we thought it would be good to have a Churches Facebook page where we can promote what we are able to offer. Approximately 70% of Ukrainians identify as Christian and figures suggest that 30-50% attend a church service at least once a month. Whilst we have identified someone who is willing to start a Facebook group we need some social media savvy people to assist her on the admin team. If you would like to get involved please let Tessa know on stmatts.urag@gmail.com

Help to Hope Struggling to pay the bills? You are not alone, and as a church family we want to try to help – initially with some small grants for food or fuel. So please do ask – have a quiet word to one of the clergy or to churchwarden Sylvia Barratt. In the coming months, we'll be running a session to provide some clothes; offer help with budgeting; and some general healthcare advice.

Easter Eggs We are buying 'Real Easter Eggs' from the Meaningful Chocolate Company including a booklet of the Easter story for Pre-School, Toddlers and St Matthias. To contribute to the cost, please put your gift in an envelope marked 'Easter Eggs' in the offering basket at the back of church. For gifts up to £30 we can claim Gift Aid under the governments GASDS scheme so there is no need to provide address details on the envelopes. Your gift will be much appreciated.

Tickets are still available for the organ recital by David Davies on 29th April 2022. Come and see us before or after the morning service on Sunday or contact Christine Tibbetts on 01803 291033. We are also now taking bookings for the charity performance at the Little Theatre on Saturday 14th May. "Passing of the Third Back" by Jerome K Jerome promises to be an intriguing and entertaining evening. *Friends of St Matts*

Andrew Tremlett is moving to be Dean at St Paul's <https://tinyurl.com/yc75trmk>

Begin Well... Our 5th FREE Antenatal class starts on Thursday 28th April and runs over 5 evenings from 7.30 - 9pm at St Matthias. All parents-to-be are hugely welcome. This is a great opportunity not only to learn lots, but also to form great friendships. Book through eventbrite - Begin Well Torquay, or contact Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268

Annual Church Meeting The next Meeting takes place in the church on Sunday, 8th May at 4.00 pm. Its purpose is to receive the Annual Report and the Financial Report for 2021 and to elect Churchwardens and PCC members. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to vote though you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. If you aren't on the roll but live in the parish and attend (in person or online) and are over 16 you are entitled to apply. If you live outside the parish you need to have been 'attending' online or in person for at least 6 months. If St Matthias is **your church** you are encouraged to be on the electoral roll. Application forms are available to download at: <https://tinyurl.com/3433jzve> or at the back of the church and in the office; completed forms should be returned to the office. If you are already on the electoral roll there is no need to reapply. **David Wilkinson, PCC Secretary**

Ways to serve



Good Friday coffee and hot cross buns Would anyone like to help to do this after the 11am service? We have had some offers of help but need a couple more please. And a team to serve coffee on Easter Sunday? Thank you. Please contact Pere on 214175.

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Palm Sunday As we begin **Holy Week** let us pray that our praises will be genuine and not become ones of scorn as happened a few days after Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Mon. Pray for our **Staff Team** and all who take a leadership role in our services over Easter. May they have the resilience to cope with this very busy time.

Tue. 7 of the countries chosen for the World Cup are listed by Open Doors as ones which persecute churches. Pray for a change of heart before they begin.

Wed. Pray for those recently bereaved or suffering physically or materially as a result of Covid, and all finding life difficult, praying that God will meet them where they need.

Maundy Thursday At the **Last Supper with His disciples Jesus** humbled Himself and took the place of a servant. Pray that we may follow His example.

Good Friday Pray that on this **Holy Day** we may follow Jesus to the Cross and to a little extent suffer with Him and thank Him for the forgiveness of our sins because of what He has done.

Easter Saturday Pray for the **"Coffee Box"** welcoming initiative when we welcome folks from the local area to share our celebrations and ask any questions they may have about their faith.

Easter Day **He is risen - hallelujah!** Praise God for His victory over sin and His resurrection overcoming Satan once and for all. So we celebrate with each other and the world wide church.

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