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The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

Sun 16 March	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> youtube.com/live/eO7RCEROisg
	<i>Parish Visiting – briefing after service</i>
Mon 17 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 18 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt’s Knits
	7.30pm Lent Course – session 2 <i>in the Hall with coffee at 7pm</i>
Wed 19 March	9am Holy Communion
	10am Lent Course – session 2 <i>(repeated from yesterday) in the Lounge</i>
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt’s Gospel Singers
Fri 21 March	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 23 March	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm ‘Praise @ 5.30’ <i>informal praise and worship</i>
	<i>Parish Visiting – briefing after service</i>

Collect Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ’s sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For Morning Prayer online,
we use the Church of England ‘Daily
Prayer’ app and this zoom link
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Thanks go to:
Those providing refreshments
for the Lent course 😊

Readings

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation –
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life –
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of
the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his
sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround
me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with

shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to
the Lord.

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in
anger;

you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Saviour.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother
forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not hand me over to the desire of
my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against
me,
spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

Luke 13: 31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

³² He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Dates for the diary



The next Alpha course is starting on Monday 24th March on zoom from 7.45-9.15pm. If you would like to join, please contact the office or one of the clergy.

News

Emerging Generations Team Leader Appointment We are delighted that this post has now been filled and we look forward to Helen Baker beginning after Easter. We are so looking forward to this next stage in our ministry to children, youth and their families.

Parish Visiting Following last September's successful mission outreach in local streets, we are planning some more, 31 March - 11 April. We want to share the love of Jesus along with news of services and activities at St Matthias for all ages. Perhaps you would like to join a pair going door-to-door, or be a prayer supporter? If new to visiting, be assured you can go with someone who has done it before. Further details and training will be given in a short meeting after the 11am Sunday service on a choice of 16 or 23 March. For more information, contact: Mike Higgins (07702 457350), or Joanna Wilkinson (07910 828321).

Can you help to serve coffee on a Sunday...now and again? We have a rota but it would be great to have a few people who might be able to help at the last minute...well a few days' notice! Please see Sue Day if you would like to help out: robandsued@gmail.com

Electoral Roll A new electoral roll is currently being prepared and everyone wanting to join needs to complete a new form or re-sign the old form. Please pick up a form in church or see Paulina at the end of services. Thank you.

Congratulations to Ruth Beckett and news about John - Ruth has been appointed as Team Vicar of 'Bideford and the Four Villages', beginning in July...which means that both John and Ruth will be leaving us in early June. While it will be a huge wrench to leave here, they look forward to ministering in the same communities once more. Please keep them, and the leadership team at St Matthias in your prayers at this time of change for all of us.

LENT COURSE "Streams of Living Water" by Richard Foster

Over six weeks we will explore six distinct spiritual traditions: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. We'll be learning how each tradition offers unique pathways to deepen one's relationship with God, fostering a holistic Christian spirituality for us as individuals and as church. Each week, we look at a bible character, historical figure and practices within Christianity.

Tuesday evenings beginning 11 March in the Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

Repeated on **Wednesday mornings** in the Lounge at 10am from 12 March



Easter Eggs Once again, the Food Larder is giving Easter Eggs with an Easter story booklet to children whose families use the Larder. If you would like to sponsor an egg, please give £5.50 to Linda Townsend, Mike Higgins or Judi Stannard. If we raise more than the £110 needed, the extra money will pay for smaller eggs with Easter leaflets for Messy Church. Thank you.

Prayers for this week

Mon Pray for the “Action Team” Meeting as it meets today. It represents key ministries in the life of the church, including: Finance, Mission and Outreach, Youth and Children, Comms, Pastoral, Pre-school, Eco, Prayer, Maintenance. Pray for each ministry.

Tue Today we have the second Lent talk on the Holiness Tradition. Pray we are challenged to live distinctive, joyful and godly lives so that the world sees God’s transforming power in us.

Wed Jesus says “blessed are the peace-makers”. Pray for world leaders as they work for peace in Ukraine and Gaza but also less prominent wars - such as in DR Congo, Sudan, Syria and Myanmar.

Thur Pray for the regeneration of our town centres - for planning officers, police and counsellors as they dream dreams and then put them into effective action.

Fri Pray for all those who come through our Church Centre. Pray for Pere as she welcomes people: that every person passing through the buildings be aware that God is in the community!

Sat There are many sporting fixtures today. Pray for Christians in sport that they may be wise and attractive ambassadors for Christ.

Sun As three different streams of worship-services meet today, let’s pray for our unity amidst our diversity - and thank God for it!

**LIVING
HOPE**

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. Living Hope offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

In the **EVERYDAY FAITH app**, get daily reflections

For your Apple device:



tinyurl.com/mjkufsvz

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