

Welcome on
Sunday 17th March
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www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

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

Sun 17 Mar	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	11.00am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee https://youtube.com/live/5pTe8uGK4eq?feature=share
Mon 18 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
 Tues 19 Mar	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
	9-11.30am Toddlers in church
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – knit and natter
	3.15pm Messy Church
	(7 for) 7.30pm Lent Course week 5 (repeated 10am Wednesdays)
Wed 20 Mar <div>9-3pm Cake and Toy Sale for Pre-School on the Piazza</div>	9am Holy Communion
	10am Ukrainian support group
	10am Lent Course in the Lounge
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' in the church
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers practise in church
Fri 22 Mar	10-11.30am Mummy & Me in church
	6.30-8pm Youth Club crazy golf!
Sat 23 Mar	10am-3pm Church Spring Clean
Sun 24 Mar Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' informal praise and worship

Collect Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Church Cleaners

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD,

'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

³³ 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,' declares the LORD.

'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour,

or say to one another, "Know the LORD,"

because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,'

declares the LORD.

'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.'

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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 5: ‘Death of the King’ (19th / 20th 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

Church Spring Clean Sat 23 March 10am-3pm **It’s not too late to volunteer!** Come and help make the church building beautiful for Easter. Please come for as little or long 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 up in church - jobs include cleaning brass, hoovering, sweeping and cleaning wooden floor, light dusting and tidying. Please contact Elaine for further information 07974001227.

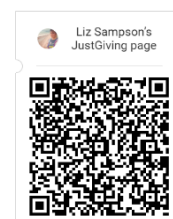
Good Friday 29 March @ 12.30pm **Christians Together Walk** – meet at the Harbourside. Anyone is welcome to join in.

News

Help us nurture our nature area! Liz (Pre-School Manager) is training to run in the Marathon on Sunday 21 April to raise funds to upgrade the Forest School area for the benefit of the children at Pre-School. If you are able to sponsor her please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/liz-sampson>

We will be most grateful for any help! Thank you.



Denis Davis We have been asked to let you know that the celebration of the life of Denis Davis 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.

Aled Jones will be at the Palace Theatre, Paignton on 31st March. The normal ticket price is £30 but Paignton Parish have negotiated tickets for £20. To get a discounted ticket, please contact David Wilkinson on 01803 327429 or catch him in church on a Sunday or email: dwilkinson.tq@btinternet.com
<https://www.palacetheatrepaignton.co.uk/shows/aled-jones-full-circle/>

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

24 March Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

11am Morning Worship

5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'

28 March Maundy Thursday

7-9pm Reading of St Mark's Gospel
and sharing of bread and wine

29 March Good Friday

10am All Age Service

followed by hot cross buns and coffee/tea

2pm 'At the Foot of the Cross'

a service of reflection with periods of silence

31 March Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

11am United Family Communion

followed by coffee/tea



Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Dear Lord, thank you that ... 'all things are possible with God'.

(Mark 10 v27)

Tue Father God, Jesus says ... 'be at peace with each other'. (Mark 9 v 50).

Help us to live this out in our lives.

Wed Dear God, thank you that in the storms of life you say ... 'Take courage! It is I.

Don't be afraid.' (Mark 6 v 50)

Thurs Dear Lord, Jesus said, 'Repent and believe the good news!' (Mark 1 v 15).

Help us not to forget this as we approach Easter.

Fri Father God, thank you that when we face difficulties, Jesus says, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.' (Mark 5 v 36)

Sat Dear Lord, Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' (Mark 10 v 14). Help us to support and encourage this important ministry.

Sun Father God, in Mark 9 v 24, the father of the demon-possessed boy says: 'I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!' Help us to believe and trust in you.