

WELCOME!



Sunday 19 February 2023

www.st-matthias-church.org

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

Sun 19 Feb	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30 Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee https://youtube.com/live/w-hWGp2SdaM?feature=share

Thanks go to:



The Archdeacons in the Diocese and their support staff

Collect Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Mon 20 Feb	6.30am Early Morning Prayers <i>in church – all welcome</i>
Tues 21 Feb	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed 22 Feb Ash Wednesday	No morning communion today – instead @ 7pm
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-5pm Warm Space <i>in the church</i>
	7pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in Pine Room</i>
Thu 23 Feb	7.30pm Begin Well – <i>ante natal course in church</i>
Fri 24 Feb	10am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Group <i>pancake madness in the hall!</i>
Sat 25 Feb	1-8pm Torbay Singers <i>workshop in church</i>
Sun 26 Feb	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i>
	12.30pm Baptism of baby Leo
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'

Readings for today

Psalm 99

¹The LORD reigns,

let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the
cherubim,
let the earth shake.

²Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.

³Let them praise your great and
awesome name –
he is holy.

⁴The King is mighty, he loves justice –
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his
priests,

Samuel was among those who called
on his name;
they called on the LORD
and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them from the pillar of
cloud;
they kept his statutes and the
decrees he gave them.

⁸LORD our God,
you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.

⁹Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

News & Events



Messy Church... Tues 21st Feb @ 3.15-5.30pm. We'll be looking at the story of the leper from Matthew 8:1-4 and looking forward to lots of crafts, worship, fun and supper for all including pancakes! Pre booking is essential call on 295268 or stmatcsw@st-matthias-church.org

John Hart's thanksgiving service can still be viewed online <https://tinyurl.com/4n989zfm>



Coffee Team We would like to expand our Sunday coffee team and are looking for 2 people to serve coffee on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact Pere if you would like to join the team.

DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal To donate to help provide medical care, emergency shelter, food and clean water, click here: <https://www.dec.org.uk/>



CREATION FEST – Christian summer conference 3-6th August, Wadebridge in Cornwall. John and Ruth are going – ask for more information or see website. *‘Early bird’ bookings are open.*

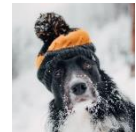
[Celebrating the good news of a God who loves us
creationfest.org.uk](https://www.creationfest.org.uk)



Easter Eggs! We’ll be giving our Pre-School children and children of families using the Food Larder, a Meaningful Chocolate Co egg with an Easter story booklet. If you would like to give £4.50 to cover costs, please see Linda Townsend between 10.30 & 11 on Sunday morning. You can also add your own order for family and friends!

Sun 26 Feb @ 2pm - Theatre in Abbey Rd - Unleashed Theatre Co ‘The Rich and the Pure’ the story of how St Mary Mags came into being www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com

Warm space – is open every Wednesday from 12-5pm - everyone welcome! Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...



Emerging Generations Leader

Please pray that we find the right person for this key role in our Church leadership team – the advert went in last week.

<https://premierjobsearch.co.uk/job/26041/emerging-generations-leader/>

THE LENT CHALLENGE *from our Eco Group*

- ✓ Calculate your personal carbon footprint – <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk> – and try to find ways of decreasing it.
- ✓ Try to car share whenever possible.
- ✓ Replace one item in your regular shop with something that is either Fair Trade or organic.
- ✓ Find out more about COP 28 and pray for meaningful outcomes.

LENT COURSE



Where: In church

When: Monday evenings @
7.30pm and coffee @ 7pm

Also 10am Wednesdays (*Lounge*)

Date: Beginning on 27 Feb/1 Mar

What: The course is called
'Growing Good'.

See video clip for more information

https://youtu.be/Xcw_6CXo8ZY

Worried about your finances?

We're running a free
CAP MONEY COURSE to help
us all think about how we
can spend, save and budget
more wisely

When? 1, 8 and 15 March at 7pm

Where? St Matthias Church Lounge

How do I book?

email: talktous@st-matthias-church.org

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or call the church office

01803 214175

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Prayers

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun Pray for our Archbishops, and the whole Anglican Communion after the decisions of General Synod regarding sexuality. Pray for generosity and love in people's attitude to this subject.

Mon Continue to pray for the recovery work in Turkey and Syria following the appalling earthquake. Pray for all who are suffering and for the agencies helping.

Tue Pray for Nicci Maxwell as she treats very sick babies and dying mothers and her teaching work in Government establishments. Pray too for her health issues.

Wed Continue praying for peace in Ukraine and for all the displaced citizens, especially those meeting in our Church today.

Thu A number of developed countries have major problems with ageing populations and low birth rates. Pray for their leaders as they plan for their futures.

Fri Pray for the preparations for the Lent Course "Growing Good". Pray that many will attend and become better disciples of Jesus.

Sat Pray that the right person may see and respond to the advert for a youth, children and family worker.

Sun Please pray for John Beckett and the leadership team as they operate with fewer people at present.

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Please note that our services are often live-streamed