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Sun 19 April	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)	
	9.30am Explore Together - with baptisms	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee tinyurl.com/5yccr3tu	
Mon 20 April	6.30-7.30am Ecumenical Prayer Meeting	
	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
Tues 21 April	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
	9-11.30am Toddlers	
	12noon Alpha	
	12-1.30pm St Matt’s Knits – knit and natter!	
Wed 22 April	9am Holy Communion	
	12-2pm Welcome Space – coffee, soup and chat! All welcome	
Fri 24 April	9-11.30am Mummy & Me	
	6.30-8pm Youth Club	
Sun 26 April	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)	
	9.30am Explore Together	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee	
	5.30pm Praise @ 5.30 an informal time to worship God together	

😊 Thanks go to:

the furniture movers, those who wash up, wipe down, wipe up, tidy up, and sweep floors ready for those who come after

Collect:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England ‘Daily Prayer’ app and this zoom link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5 You are welcome to join us!

The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f

Readings

Acts 2:14a & 36-41 (New International Version – UK)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶ 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.' ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' ³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.' ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Luke 24:13-35 (New International Version – UK)

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him. ¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' ¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

News

Please check if your name is on the **Electoral Roll**, or ask for a form to fill in. Ideally at least before 3rd May

Paulina E. Robbins-van Rijn - Electoral Roll Officer

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute



Ecoaction for April. 'Reduce, re-use and recycle' –

this month's challenge is to **re-use**. Ideas include buying from a charity shop to refresh your spring wardrobe or replace broken glassware or china, or investigating the Oxfam online shop for clothes and books (a wide choice of both in good condition and costing much less than new). Re-using packaging is also a great money-saver!

Rising lights conference.

Praise God for a most wonderful conference in the week after Easter.

About 2500 Christians in Torquay from across the country, with around 750 children and teenagers. Tremendous Bible teaching, uplifting worship, great seminars, good fellowship and being together as Christians.

Many families with a good holiday in Torquay. It was hugely inspiring and we all came away with a renewed sense of love of Christ and of what he has done for us.

Regret not going? Don't worry. It's back next year, 29th of March-2nd April.



Alpha – started on Tuesday 14th April.

Please pray for all those attending, and for those running the course. If you'd like to join the next course, click on the QR code for more information.



Dates for your diary

UKRAINE: You are invited to a coffee morning which will be held in Berry Pomeroy Church between **10.30am & 12 noon** on **Thursday 16th April**. All funds will help Pastor Oleg's Church in Bashtanka, Ukraine, construct a safe space under their House of Prayer, where the community can run and hide when Russia shells their town.

Girls Allowed fish and chip supper will be on **Thursday 23rd April**, meeting at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Gluten free will be available if requested. Please reply to Elaine on elainebiden@hotmail.com or **07974 001227** by Friday 17th April as we will have to confirm the order. Donations of £3-5 welcomed. *Elaine, Andrea, Susie, Sue and Judi* '

Dine-out Sundays Our next lunch is on **26th April at 1pm** at The Central Conservative Club, Torquay. Please note the change of time, and the lunches will be on the **4th Sunday** of the month from now on. Please contact Gill for info or to book 07709 727714.

? **Friends of St Matthias Quiz** will be held on Saturday 2nd May at 7pm in the Church. Teams of 4 for £10 (don't forget to come up with a team name): licenced bar: a raffle - in short, an enjoyable evening in which to exercise all those little grey cells. Flyers for distribution from the Friends desk after Sunday services from Easter. I'm looking forward to you joining me! *Nick Hewlitt (Chairman)*

Sarah Chaplin will be at The Royal Lyceum for an uplifting, feel-good Gospel style retro sing-along. Suitable for all ages Tickets £7 **Sunday May 10th @ 4pm.**
www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com

Coffee Box is Back! After a wonderful time on Easter Saturday, our next monthly community outreach event on the piazza will be on **Saturday 16 May**, 10.00 - 12.00, followed by 13 June, 11 July, 22 August and 12 September. A friendly chat, prayer if desired, and free refreshments are offered to everyone passing by. If you would like to join the team, please speak with Joanna Wilkinson (07910 828321) or Mike Higgins (07702 457350)

Prayers for the week

Monday: Heavenly Father, may we shine Your love and light into the world, so that faith in You may flourish.

Tuesday: Loving Lord, we pray for Torbay Council that they may make the right decisions for us all and put them into practice.

Wednesday: Gracious Lord, please be with the children in our pre-school, and with the new leadership team, that all may thrive.

Thursday: Lord Jesus Christ, please be with Hazel Foster as she takes up the post of Mayor next month, so that she will have the strength she needs to fulfil the tasks that lie ahead.

Friday: Father God, we pray for all who are suffering the effects of persecution in respect of their faith in You, particularly those in Nigeria.

Saturday: Lord God Almighty, would You change the mindset of all who submit to knife crime and bring harm to others, and bring it to an end we pray.

Sunday: Holy Spirit, shine Your peace, love, kindness, care and generosity into our hearts and minds, we pray, and bless Helen for all the work she does with young people.

Please can you submit notices as early as possible each week and, preferably, by Tuesday lunchtime, to admin@st-matthias-church.org