



Welcome!

Today, the theme is **Creator and Created**
 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' on home page

Sun 20 February	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) in church
	9.30am Zone Service in church Activity Sheet: jesus-calms-the-sea .
	11am Holy Communion in church and livestreamed https://youtu.be/gbEujrhf-lo
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting (on zoom) https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73178949079?pwd=gnWm2dtO-5H_hK5DoVvrxMxpWxqeYN.1 Meeting ID: 731 7894 9079 Passcode: k7Fiwb

Our readings today are:

Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-25 <https://tinyurl.com/4zb7d9ay>

Luke 8: 22-25 <https://tinyurl.com/5ntj8ksz>

Collect

Almighty God,
 give us reverence for all creation
 and respect for every person,
 that we may mirror your likeness
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks to:

Lena



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

Tues 22 Feb	12-1.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Hall</i>
Wed 23 Feb	9am Holy Communion (<i>Common Worship</i>) in church
Thurs 24 Feb	7.30-9pm Girls Allowed in church
Sun 27 Feb	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) in church
	11am Morning Worship in church
	5.30pm 'Encounter' a youth-led gathering for all in church

Readings for Today

Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-25

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’

¹⁸ The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called “woman”, for she was taken out of man.’

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Luke 8: 22-25

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side of the lake.’ So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Master, Master, we’re going to drown!’ He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ ‘Where is your faith?’ he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, ‘Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.’

News and Events

Girls Allowed (a forum for any women at St Matthias and their friends) will meet in church from 7:30 to 9pm on Thursday 24th Feb. Refreshments and discussion around "Give & Take": what do we give up or take up in Lent? Please email Ruth irmp@btinternet.com to help us plan, please.

The Keswick in Devon Conference 7-11 March 2022, Sidmouth

Exploring Philipians and Jonah with Marcus Honeysett and Amy Orr Ewing
<https://keswickindevon.org.uk/>

Diaries out please! 😊 **LOVELIFE LIVELENT**

- **Ash Wednesday 2nd March** – with an evening Communion @7pm
- **Sunday teaching on the 'Spiritual Disciplines'** – you may like to use one of these books to accompany your learning this Lent: the classic '*Celebration of Discipline*' by Richard Foster, or the more recent '*The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world*' by John Mark Comer.

- **The Lent Course this year is 'Living in Love and Faith'**

To help us with practical arrangements, **PLEASE BOOK**

It is a 5 week course on Monday evenings from 7th March at 7.30pm, repeated on Wednesday mornings from 9th March at 10am.

It is a course for EVERYONE in the church and intends to provide a safe space to listen to one another and to God to explore human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. These are really important subjects for the whole church to grapple with, but ones we find hard to talk about, so the Church of England has produced this course to encourage us to do that. The Staff Team here ran the course themselves in November and warmly commend it to everyone. To help us with the arrangements, **please book your space on Eventbrite here** <https://tinyurl.com/ypumc56v> or contact the office.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

The Church of England has put together a wealth of material to look at here <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith> which you may want to dip into either before, during or after the course.

Pick up the new Spring Term guide today – inside you'll find details about:

- The new service pattern from March with 'Explore Together' and 'Explore at 4'
- What's on in Lent
- Nicci Maxwell's visit
- Messy Church – with one on Easter Saturday!
- Themes of our Sunday teaching and learning
- New church opening times

Messy Church...huge thanks to Paul, Val, Diane, Linda, Elaine, Rachel and Giles for all their help with Messy Church. Nearly 50 children and their families had a tremendous afternoon being detectives, solving the case of 'who was the Good Samaritan'? They enjoyed crafts like finger printing, crime scene painting, biscuit decorating and praying hands plus lots of worship, prayer and finally finishing with supper together. Our next event will be Tuesday 15th March when we will be exploring 'Choosing God's Voice' - bring your friends and family!!...Lena



Ways to serve in the church

Weekday Lunchtimes We're looking for people to help to keep the church open at lunchtimes (12-2pm) during the week. If you would like to help (either one hour or two) please speak to Pere in the office on 214175. (Please see the note below on safeguarding.)

Coffee Makers We're looking for coffee makers to help to provide coffee after the 11am service on Sundays. Please contact Pere in the office on 214175

Platinum Jubilee weekend in June – please think and pray about how St Matthias can best serve the community for these celebrations – and in particular let us know if you would be able to be part of a planning group for this.



Minibus we are hoping to be able to start to offer lifts to church again when it is safe to do so...in order to do this we need to find a team of drivers. If you wish to find out more please contact Andrew Stilliard on 07729 362802. (Please see the note below on safeguarding.)

St Matthias is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. In order to keep everyone safe we have a 'safer recruitment' procedure that we ask all volunteers to follow and all appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks.

Covid – sorry, no major changes...

While we are aware that the legal protective measures no longer apply, for now, please persevere in following the steps we have been using to protect one another:

- Wear a face covering, and please try to do a "Lateral Flow Test" before coming to church.
- Continue to use the hand sanitizing stations.
- And as before, please don't come to church if you feel unwell with any flu or cold symptoms. Thank you.

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun. *"Let the children come to me and do not hinder them"* Pray for the work amongst the children of the church and for the appointment of a youth worker.

Mon. As we prepare these prayers the position in Ukraine is critical. Pray that Russia does not attack and there will be peace. Also for the critical situation in Afghanistan where poverty and starvation are causing much suffering and death.

Tue Please pray for all who suffer in any way, but especially the sick and those waiting for procedures on the NHS. Pray for all who care for them.

Wed. Please pray for the impact locally of the administration of the Midas building company, for those who have lost employment and for those many subcontractors equally affected, and for all work being done locally and nationally for the finalisation of the hotels in Torquay and Paignton.

Thu. Pray for "Girls Allowed" as they meet today.

Fri. Pray about the volunteers needed: the 'open church' at lunch times; for coffee makers after church; for people to help form a planning committee to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June; for drivers for the minibus.

Sat. Pray for Nicci Maxwell as she spends time in England. Pray for those she will be able to meet and for her two visits to our Church. May we get a fresh vision of her work in Uganda.

Sun. Pray for the leadership of our Church that they be inspired by God's Holy Spirit, and the whole congregation to be drawn to Jesus.

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ALPHA starts...9 March @ 7.30pm

Alpha is a free course designed to help anyone explore life's biggest questions.

The next Alpha Course at St Matthias begins on Wednesday 9th March at 7:30pm on Zoom. For more information and the Zoom link please email:

pete@st-matthias-church.org

A Three-Fold Hand Prayer to start each day

I hold up my hands as a symbol of surrender
Jesus, I surrender to your Lordship today
I surrender my preferences, my time,
my fears, finances, friends and family to you.

I hold out my hands to receive all the good things you have for me.
The Father's love, your Holy Spirit, your grace, forgiveness,
your provision for me.
I also hold out my hands as a symbol that I am only a steward
of all that you have given me. I want to mirror your generosity
today and live an open handed life.

I hold my hands forward as a symbol of mission.
I want to embrace and welcome your mission Lord,
to the lost, last, least and lonely – the poor, powerless, privileged
and persecuted.

Hands Up
Surrender



Hands Out
Generosity



Hands Forward
Mission

