



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**

Welcome

Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

It may be simpler to find all the services by looking at the different **PLAYLISTS**
 on St Matthias YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ/playlists>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

Sun 21 Mar	9.30am Growzone <i>online</i>
	10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	11am Holy Communion <i>livestreamed</i> https://youtu.be/nqOOKyL0e5c

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-31 & Mark 8: 27-end
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+31%3A+31-31+&version=NIVUK>
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+8%3A+27-38&version=NIVUK>

Next Week

Tues 23 Mar	11.45am Bishop Robert address from the Cathedral 12 noon One Minute Silence 7.30pm 'Our Pandemic Experience' on zoom (Part 2) https://zoom.us/j/98332567915?pwd=T3p2djBCTnBOVksKWW9PODJsOW9YZz09 Meeting ID: 983 3256 7915 Passcode: 930738
Sun 28 Mar	9.30am Prayzone online
Palm Sunday	10.30am Coffee on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	11am Morning Worship livestreamed
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77688476702?pwd=R2lIQ0NjWktOb1FHZ0xsZW04aTFkUT09 Meeting ID: 776 8847 6702 Passcode: ACpf6J

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

9.30am and 11.00am services online

Maundy Thurs

Private prayer around the Garden of Gethsemane -
in the church 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Good Friday

11.00am – 11.30am Service on the piazza

Reflective service online

11.30am- 1.00pm Bring your prayers to the cross
outside on the piazza

Easter Day

8.30am Holy Communion in church

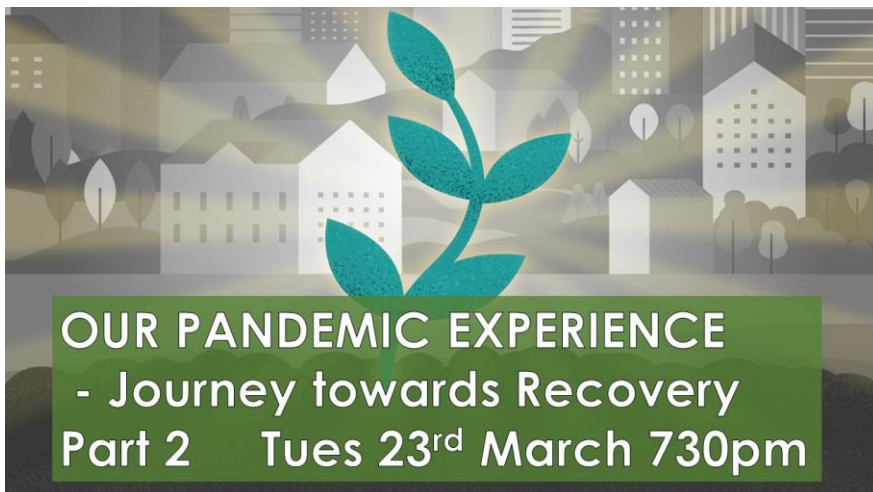
9.30am Breakfastzone online

11.00 Easter Service on the piazza

with Holy Communion available

Easter Prayer Walk available all week in the Church Garden (next to main car park)

The 830am Easter Day Service will need to be pre-booked please 01803 31 1488



A second, one-hour session to begin to help us process all that has, and is happening to us, the church, and the nation.

If you missed last week, it would be very helpful to take a look at the first side of this handout in preparation -

<https://tinyurl.com/tbvjbyif>

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<https://tinyurl.com/jfhc8tc>

Communities who have experienced traumatic events of all sorts – from natural disasters, terrorist atrocities, to this sort of pandemic – discover that recovery is a slow business.

People also find they are often unexpectedly angry, anxious, and feel a general malaise where energy levels are low.

The rebuilding process is really helped when people share stories of how the trauma has affected them personally. This will be particularly true for us given how isolating the whole experience has been.

Further, sharing what we have learned from what has happened is also very valuable. It can even be surprising, since amongst the trauma we often find new things to appreciate and be thankful for.

As Christians, spending time reflecting and talking together also helps us to be honest to God in our prayers and begins to help us consider how we might rebuild.

There is also material especially designed for families, and another for young people. If you would like to find out more, please contact John on jandrbeckett@outlook.com

23 March: National Day of Reflection

A Minute's Silence at Noon

and a Reflection from the Cathedral by Bishop Robert at 11.45am.

Next Tuesday will mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown. For many people it will be a significant anniversary. In Devon the death toll has topped the 1,000 mark. The restrictions that we have been living under have meant that many people have had to grieve without the comfort of friends and family around them.

You may wish to join others in observing a minute's silence at 12 noon in remembrance of those who have died and the many who are mourning.

The Cathedral reflection begins at 11.45am, and available on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/CofEDevon/live_videos/?ref=page_internal

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

**Thanks go to:
Our refuse
collectors &
litter pickers 😊**

Two Projects, One Vision The advert goes in next week!

The Church Council decided this week to take a step of faith and begin to advertise for a SCYP worker – even though we have only received pledges for 75% of the full funding. So thank you if you have pledged to support this, and if you have not yet thought and prayed about it, please do.

We fully appreciate that this is over and above your usual giving to the church, and that for many people, the pandemic has been very costly.

Please pray that we will find the right person for this important role. There is a letter you can read and more information on the church website, including a donation form and ways to contact Tony, the Treasurer at <https://www.st-matthias-church.org/information/wellspringscopy-appeal/>

Prayer

We would be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Morning Prayer – join in at 9.00 – 9.30am on Mondays and Tuesdays on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/yazznxns>. The Order of Service can be found on the Church of England website here:

<https://tinyurl.com/27ukmm6j>

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

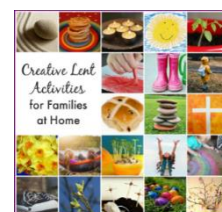
- Sun** Praise God that we have the freedom to worship together (albeit online or on zoom!) and let us pray for areas of God's church where they don't have this freedom and it is dangerous to worship together. May they have bravery and wisdom.
- Mon** Pray for peace in our world, praying for the leaders of the nations. Pray they may rule with justice and compassion.
- Tues** Pray for tonight's discussion and the reflections that will emerge to help people in their walk of faith. Pray that as rules are eased everyone in our country may act sensibly so that we avoid another spike of sickness, pain and death.
- Wed** In Jesus' name let us pray against the power of the Coronavirus, and praise God that it is slowly declining in our country. Pray for all who suffer in any way as a result and pray for all volunteering to help especially in giving vaccinations.
- Thurs** Pray for all frontline workers – doctors, nurses, carers, care homes. Pray for all those helping by distributing food parcels and other goods to those in need.
- Fri** Remember all who have been bereaved recently, all who are ill, waiting for places in hospital, or suffering in any other way. Pray for those whose lives have been turned upside down by losing their jobs, homes or other ways of suffering.
- Sat** Pray for families separated due to coronavirus rules or living in other countries or continents. Thank God for mechanical ways of contacting them and even being able to see them.
- Sun** Let us pray for the leaders of the Church, especially our Bishops and local leaders – John our Rector, Paul, assistant minister, the Readers and all who prepare for and lead our worship, especially the youngsters who play an important role.

News and dates for the diary



Begin Well Great news - on Tuesday evening our first anti-natal course for parents-to-be ended after 6 zoom sessions! Begin Well is a charity formed because there are now no free NHS such classes available but believes everyone should be able to access this learning - for free. Jan, Tessa, Liz, Kate and Lena have teamed together to deliver this course and had 10 couples from across the Bay for this first one. This is fantastic outreach for St Matts - the team will now keep in contact with these parents and be encouraging them to join Toddlers and much more! Planning is now underway for the next course - with 3 bookings already received! Huge thanks to our fantastic team! *Lena*

Lent Activities for Families There are some brilliant ideas from the Exeter Diocese which you can find here: <https://tinyurl.com/24gxdf7p>



SPRING HARVEST HOME 4th - 8th April. You can book online and look at the events lined up:

<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>

We would have had a **Book Stall** for Easter if we were in Church, but we can't do that - so rather than automatically clicking through to the World's Biggest Online Retailer, try checking out and supporting these Christian Retailers:

CHOICE WORDS - our own local bookshop in Newton Abbot:

<https://choicewords.co.uk/> and [01626 334027](tel:01626334027)



EDEN BOOKS - <https://www.eden.co.uk> and 0800 6122186



#take3 a new series of 2 minute reflections from the Diocese...have a browse...

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDz-Tb3G12iA6o1Mib-A4n42ht6lbWTLF>



There is a **Fair Shares Box** in the West Porch which is full of lovely things. If you are passing please have a look inside and take something of interest. Donations of seeds, plants, books and toys are welcome too. (No food please as that is shared through the Torquay



Community Larder). For queries contact Rob and Sue Day on 07550 013101.

Torquay Community Larder would welcome donations of the following: Tinned Peas, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Squash, Jam, Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Toilet Rolls. They have enough pasta and sanitary items and toiletries. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection.



Come Join Us
At St Matthias Church
Outdoors

Saturday 10th April
and
Sunday 11th April
2 - 4pm

Come and take part in our
Spring themed event, full
of outdoor fun, crafts,
worship and much more!

Including the Parable of
the Sower

Pre Booking is essential – we obviously need to limit the numbers on each day. This event will go ahead whatever the weather, so dress appropriately!
Please book, indicating which day, by calling Lena Fearnley on 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

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To contact the Church:

Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

Office: 01803 214175

admin@st-matthias-church.org

Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119

Asst Minister: Paul Barton
07807 636470

Helpline Contact Details:

- **Mental Health Matters Devon** provides a 24 hour, 365 days a year mental health helpline **0800 4700317** and telephone advice and support at <https://www.mhm.org.uk/the-moorings-devon>
- **Samaritans** are available 24/7. They also offer a call back service and follow up calls. Call FREE: 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org
- **Mindline** - call **0300 330 5464**, 8pm-11pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If lines are busy, you will be connected to their sister service, Samaritans on **116 123**.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** 0800 917 7650
- **Drinkline** (For advice/support on drinking) 0300 123 1110
- **National Domestic Violence Helpline 24-hour helpline:** 0808 2000 247