



Grace
and
Repentance









Welcome!
Sunday 23rd March 2025

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

Sun 23 March	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	
	9.30am Explore Together	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> youtube.com/live/knt2hZulyqI	
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>informal praise and worship</i>	
	<i>Parish Visiting – briefing after service</i>	
Mon 24 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
	7.45pm Alpha <i>First session tonight, on zoom</i>	
Tues 25 March	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
	9-11.30am Toddlers	
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits	
	7.30pm Lent Course – session 3 <i>in the Hall with coffee at 7pm</i>	
Wed 26 March	9am Holy Communion	
	10am Lent Course – session 3 <i>(repeated from yesterday) in the Lounge</i>	
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>	
Fri 28 March	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me	
	2.30pm Girls Allowed	
	Youth Club are going bowling!	
Sun 30 March MOTHERING SUNDAY	No 8am Holy Communion - join us at 10am this Sunday!	
	10am Family Service for the Whole Church Family with donuts, cake and drinks, and Communion after!	

DON'T FORGET
To SET
(LOCK) FORWARD!

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For Morning Prayer online,
we use the Church of England 'Daily
Prayer' app and this zoom link
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Thanks go to:
Clare and Cheryl, our wonderful
wardens! 😊

Readings

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.' ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Luke 13: 1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.'

⁶Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?"

⁸"Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig round it and fertilise it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

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Dates for the diary



THIS WEEK! The Alpha course is starting on Monday 24th March on zoom from 7.45-9.15pm.

If you would like to join, please contact the office or one of the clergy.

Girls Allowed will be on Friday 28th March, meeting in Church at 2.30 pm for an afternoon of simple Easter craft, all resources provided. Everyone welcome. Please let Elaine know if you are able to come.

Email: elainebiden@hotmail.com or 01803 390222 or text 07974 001227

News

Parish Visiting Following last September's successful mission outreach in local streets, we are planning some more, 31 March - 11 April. We want to share the love of Jesus along with news of services and activities at St Matthias for all ages. Perhaps you would like to join a pair going door-to-door, or be a prayer supporter? If new to visiting, be assured you can go with someone who has done it before. Further details and training will be given in a short meeting after the 11am Sunday service (23 March). For more information, contact: Mike Higgins (07702 457350), or Joanna Wilkinson (07910 828321).

We aim to "walk the streets praying" in preparation for our Easter Parish Visiting this spring. We plan to walk on Monday 24th and 31st March, meeting at the church at 6pm. If you want to find out more and if you want to join in on the walks see either Dallas Ayling or Andrew Green.

Can you help to serve coffee on a Sunday...now and again? We have a rota but it would be great to have a few people who might be able to help at the last minute...well a few days' notice! Please see Sue Day if you would like to help out: robandsued@gmail.com

Electoral Roll A new electoral roll is currently being prepared and everyone wanting to join needs to complete a new form or re-sign the old form. Please pick up a form in church or see Paulina at the end of services. Thank you.



Easter Eggs Once again, the Food Larder is giving Easter Eggs with an Easter story booklet to children whose families use the Larder. If you would like to sponsor an egg, please give £5.50 to Linda Townsend, Mike Higgins or Judi Stannard. If we raise more than the £110 needed, the extra money will pay for smaller eggs with Easter leaflets for Messy Church. Thank you.

YMCA are moving to Torbay and are recruiting! Please see their website for further information www.ymcaexeter.org.uk or contact emily.hornsby@ymcaexeter.org.uk

Prayers for this week

Mon Pray for vulnerable people on PIP benefits who fear changes that may radically affect their way of life.

Tue Pray for the Lent course running today that we may be challenged by “the Spirit empowered life” of the Charismatic Tradition.

Wed We are encouraged in the Bible to “persist” in prayer and “to pray without ceasing”. So, it is right to continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, DR Congo and many other places.

Thur Pray for our plans to visit people in our parish this Easter - and also to walk these streets in prayer.

Fri The Youth Group meet tonight. Pray for the follow-up to Alpha, that young people will want to continue to explore Christianity.

Sat As we explore different streams of spiritual life during Lent, let’s pray for other Christian traditions meeting in churches across the Bay, that they may know renewed life.

Sun “Do not neglect to meet together”, the Bible says. Pray for those who are wavering about coming to church today; may they have that nudge from the Spirit to attend and be blessed by God.

LENT COURSE "Streams of Living Water" by Richard Foster

Over six weeks we are exploring six distinct spiritual traditions: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. We are learning how each tradition offers unique pathways to deepen our relationship with God, fostering a holistic Christian spirituality for us as individuals and as church. Each week we look at a bible character, historical figure and practices within Christianity.

Tuesday evenings in the Hall 7pm for 7.30pm – (25/03, 01/04 and 8/04)

Repeated **Wednesday mornings** in the Lounge at 10am – (26/03, 02/04 and 09/04)

LIVING
HOPE

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. Living Hope offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

In the **EVERYDAY FAITH** app, get daily reflections

For your Apple device:



tinyurl.com/mjkufsvz

For your Android device:



tinyurl.com/4tahjnw4

