



Sunday 24 April 2022

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**Welcome!**

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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> with 10 – 10.30am <i>Ukraine Prayer Vigil</i>
	<b>4pm Explore Together</b> <a href="#">Second Sunday of Easter - Activity Sheet</a>

**Our readings today are:**

verses from **Acts 5** <https://tinyurl.com/ye42wfzf>

**John 20:19-31** <https://tinyurl.com/mry3up26>

**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

**Thanks go to:**  
The church flower  
arrangers 😊

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

<b>Mon 25 Apr</b>	<b>3.30pm Girls Allowed</b> <i>Headland Hotel</i>
<b>Tues 26 Apr</b>	<b>9am Toddlers</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matts Knits</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Wed 27 Apr</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> <i>practice in church</i>
	<b>7.30pm Alpha</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Thurs 28 Apr</b>	<b>2-5pm Pre-School Clothes Exchange</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Fri 29 Apr</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b>
	<b>6.30pm Youth Club</b>
	<b>7.30pm Organ Recital – David Davies</b> ( <i>in church</i> )
<b>Sun 1 May</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting</b>

## Readings for Today

### Acts 5: 27-32

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,' he said. 'Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.'

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.'

### John 20: 19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## News

**Sad news** After a long and fruitful life Wendy Hastings passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2022. Her funeral will be at St Matthias on Friday 20 May at 12.30pm.

**Clothes Exchange** – Don't Shop - Swap! 28 April 2-5pm in the Hall run by the Pre-School. Drop off at least 3 quality items at the Pre-School from 9am and come along and see what you can swap! More details from Liz on 215068.



**Girls Allowed** (any women connected with St Matthias) are meeting on **Monday 25th April at The Headland Hotel at 3:30pm** for a cuppa and a chat. Please email Ruth on [jrpm@btinternet.com](mailto:jrpm@btinternet.com) (for numbers and lifts: offered or needed)

**Ruth's Research** Thank you to everyone who took part. I have lots of returned questionnaires to look through next week. If you still have yours, please post it into the box in church today, or return to me asap. I'm so grateful for your help.

**Malcolm and Ashley Ford** are very grateful for the many cards and tributes to Avril from church family friends. There will be a service of Thanksgiving at St Matthias in a few weeks' time.

**Annual Church Meeting Sunday 8 May at 5.30pm** (*not 4pm as previously stated*). If St Matthias is **your church** you are encouraged to be on the electoral roll. Application forms are available to download at:

<https://tinyurl.com/3433jzve> or at the back of the church and in the office; completed forms should be returned to the office. If you are already on the electoral roll there is no need to reapply. **David Wilkinson, PCC Secretary**

**Ukrainian Refugees** We need some social media savvy people to assist us with our Facebook group on the admin team. If you would like to get involved please let Tessa know on [stmatts.urag@gmail.com](mailto:stmatts.urag@gmail.com)

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

*Dates for your diary:*

Thursday 2 June - Hog Roast and entertainment 12.30 onwards  
Sunday 5 June - church family lunch after the service



**Tickets are available** for the organ recital by David Davies on 29th April 2022 and for the charity performance at the Little Theatre on Saturday 14th May - "Passing of the Third Back" by Jerome K Jerome. Tickets from church on Sundays or from Christine Tibbetts on 291033 *Friends of St Matts*

CMS Mission Partner **Dr Nicci Maxwell** visited last week, with her inspiring and challenging reports. In addition to money we give to CMS to support Nicci's role at Potter's Village and Kisoro, Uganda, as St. Matt's church family, there's a retiring collection today if you wish to directly support the work of the 'Good Samaritan Fund' – a bursary fund for patients on very low incomes. Thank you.

**Begin Well** Special one day ante-natal course 10am – 4pm. Contact Lena for details on 01803 295268.

## Ways to serve



**Thank you** to those who served us lovely coffee and hot cross buns over Easter. If you would like to join this team please let Pere know. We are a bit short of helpers!

## Prayer

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

**Sun** Praise the God that we serve a Risen Saviour who lives in us today. May it show in our caring for each other, the community and the whole of Torbay.

**Mon** With controversy over the harsh Rwanda migrancy proposals, please pray for the church in Rwanda, many still healing from the genocide of 1994.

**Tue** With war intensifying in eastern Ukraine, please continue to pray for peace, mercy, forgiveness, deliverance and for all caught up in the conflict. Please also pray for those from Ukraine settling in this country, including in our area.

**Wed** Remember before God all recently bereaved, or waiting for a procedure or who are ill at home or suffering in any way from Covid.

**Thu** Pray for the teachers in the Bay, that they may be having a good break over Easter and that they will return refreshed and ready for school again.

**Fri** Praise God for the antenatal classes and pray that they will fulfil a real need in Torbay. Pray too for the organ concert being given by David Davies.

**Sat** Remember the preparations for the APCMs on 8<sup>th</sup> May when we review the life of the church and elect Churchwardens and new members to the PCC. Pray for God's guidance in it all.

**Sun** As we look forward to Pentecost, we pray that God Holy Spirit might greatly bless our church, all who worship with us and for the fellowship of believers in this area.

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