



27th April 2025

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

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

Sun 27 April	8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	11am Morning Worship with Baptism <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/2RKZV23GxWo?feature=share
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>informal praise and worship</i>
Mon 28 April	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 29 April	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 30 April	9.00am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Fri 2 May	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me in the church
	6.30-8pm Youth Club in the Hall
Sun 4 May	8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together with breakfast
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

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**

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

Thanks go to:



Paulina - for the Electoral Roll revision

Readings

Acts 5: 27-32

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ '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.'

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² 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

¹⁹ 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!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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

Jesus appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.'

²⁶ 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!' ²⁷ 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.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

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

The purpose of John's gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ 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.

Dates for the diary

Youth Club needs your help! On **16th May** it's the youth club's annual fundraiser. This year our fantastic young people will be helping to clean and tidy some of our grounds in and around the church.

They will be fundraising for Open Doors <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/> and Compassion <https://www.compassionuk.org/>

Please help them to raise lots by sponsoring them! Speak to Ali Buckley, Linda Townsend or Claire Reynolds for more details! Thank you.

Announcing the return on **18 June 2025** of the major **ST MATTHIAS DREAM AUCTION**. We are seeking 'promises' (goods & services) for sale at the Auction. Can you help – or do you know someone who could? All proceeds in aid of the St Matthias Green Project & Rowcroft Hospice. Please contact auctioneer Tim Dickinson 07879 445146 tim@irvinenott.co.uk

News

PCC minutes If anyone would like a copy of minutes from the meeting in January please contact the office.

Great news! Our application to the Give to Go Green project has now been approved. This means that money raised during the six week campaign - starting in June - will be matched by funds provided and supported by the Church of England's National Giving Team and the Diocese of Exeter. Money raised in this way will allow us to fund measures to help us at St Matthias to reach our carbon neutral and energy conservation targets. We will welcome with open arms your ideas and offers of support. Please let me know now if you would like to help in any way at all.

Rob Newman 07305 681522

Sunday Coffee Team...has some lovely helpers but urgently needs some more...if you can help please see Sue Day (robandsued@gmail.com)

Support our churchwarden! On **May 10th** Cheryl Bevins is aiming to complete the Trek26 Stonehenge 2025 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. She has been training for the 26 mile trek and would greatly appreciate any sponsorship!

Find the Just Giving link here: <https://tinyurl.com/2zswcjup>

Prayers for this week

Mon Heavenly Father, we are made in your image, yet we fail to live in peace. Please bring all wars and attrition to an end, and restore this world as you created it.

Tues Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the care, kindness and humility shown by Pope Francis in his lifetime, and pray that we, too, may serve others.

Wed Holy Spirit, Thank you for our clergy shining your light into the hearts and minds of families and young people. Help us to do likewise.

Thurs Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of nature, but acknowledge that this is threatened by our contribution to climate change. Grant us your wisdom so that we may know how to avert our wrongs.

Fri Father God, please be with June and family, in their loss of Jan, and wrap your loving arms around them, and others who are bereaved.

Sat Loving Lord, let us never forget to be thankful for the price you have paid for our redemption, and enable us to live to please you.

Sun Dear Lord, grant us the generosity to give to those in need, and to pray for their peace of mind.

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