



Sunday 27 March 2022

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## MOTHERING SUNDAY

### Welcome!

Today, the theme is 'Service'

and we welcome Dr Nicci Maxwell, our CMS partner from Uganda

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> ) in church
	<b>10-10.30am Prayer Vigil for Ukraine</b> in church
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> with Nicci Maxwell from Church Mission Soc <a href="https://youtu.be/olwTvqKxojc">https://youtu.be/olwTvqKxojc</a> <a href="#">Mary and Martha - Activity Sheet</a> <i>followed by coffee and biscuits today 😊</i>
	<b>4pm Explore Together</b> with Nicci Maxwell from Church Mission Society

**Our reading today is:**

**Luke 10:38-42** <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+10%3A38-42&version=NIVUK>

### Collect

God of love, passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
Watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

All those helping the  
refugees from Ukraine



### Supporting Nicci Maxwell

Nicci's CMS website page: [www.churchmissionsociety.org/Maxwell](http://www.churchmissionsociety.org/Maxwell)

Her blog (Crazy Big Plan): [niccimaxwell.wordpress.com](http://niccimaxwell.wordpress.com)

Church Mission Society are one of the major charities St. Matthias supports from our 'Mission Tithe' which is 10% of our regular giving income.

There will be information available in church about how to support CMS directly and also the work at Potter's Village via a new 'Good Samaritan' Fund.

## Reading for Today

### Luke 10: 38-42

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

<sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

### Prayer

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

**Sun Mothering Sunday** Let us thank God for our mothers and all women who care for each other. Today we thank God and pray for Nicci Maxwell our CMS Mission Partner who works and cares for seriously ill babies and their mothers in Potters Village, Kisoro, Uganda.

**Mon** Pray for all who are sick and suffering, those in pain, those awaiting delayed medical procedures, those facing tensions at home or at work.

**Tue** Pray against the Covid Pandemic growing so fast, and for all medical personal on the front line. Pray for all who are suffering as a result - physically or materially.

**Wed** Pray for the Alpha Course taking place led by Pete and Rachel Norris. Pray that all in the church may be able to have their doubts and fears met by the Lord and folk in the Church will grow spiritually.

**Thu** Thank God for the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori and pray for their time of healing back with their families. Continue to pray for those unfairly held in countries with harsh penal conditions.

**Fri** Please pray for the health of the Queen and the arrangements for Prince Phillip's memorial service on Tuesday. Pray too for our Government and all who influence our country and pray for our emergency services.

**Sat** There are countries around the world which are distinctively or quietly supporting Russia. Please pray for the new geopolitical global situation when the Ukrainian war ends.

**Sun** Remember before God all who faithfully keep our journey of faith alive, from the staff team, to wardens, group leaders, musicians, youth workers, cleaners, decorators and coffee makers.

**Homes for Ukraine Scheme** The situation with the Homes for Ukraine Scheme is developing rapidly. The Diocese has put together a working group to assist people with finding refugees to host as well as looking at ways to support

refugees and their sponsors. We are expecting the first family of 3 to arrive at St Matthias in the next 2 weeks. We have our own action group (URAG) so that we can support those staying in our parish and across the Bay. At the moment, we are concentrating on meeting the refugees' physical needs but we wish to help them integrate into the community. Many thanks to everyone who has offered to help. There will be many opportunities over the coming weeks and we will keep you informed of what the needs are. Anyone wishing to host refugees please contact me, Tessa [stmatts.urag@gmail.com](mailto:stmatts.urag@gmail.com)

<b>Monday – Friday 12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer</b>	
<b>Mon 28 Mar</b>	<b>7.30pm Lent Course week 4</b> <i>in church</i>
<b>Tues 29 Mar</b>	<b>9am Toddlers</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matts Knits</b> <i>in the hall</i>
<b>Wed 30 Mar</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>10am Lent Course week 4</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers practice</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>7.30pm Alpha</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Fri 1 Apr</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy and Me</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>6.30pm 'The Loft' – youth group – Easter egg hunt!</b>
<b>Sat 2 Apr</b>	<i>Men's Breakfast at the Livermead Hotel</i>
<b>Sun 3 Apr</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(Book of Common Prayer) in church</i>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting</b> <i>(zoom)</i>

## What's On and Other News

### 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



- **Help to Hope** Struggling to pay the bills? You are not alone, and as a church family we want to try to help – initially with some small grants for food or fuel. So please do ask – have a quiet word to one of the clergy or to churchwarden Sylvia Barratt. In the coming months, we'll be running a session to provide some clothes; offer help with budgeting; and some general healthcare advice.

- **Covid measures?** Please do continue to wear a mask if you can, and be aware of distance and ventilation still. However, since we're sanitising hands on arrival to church, there's less value in sanitising them again immediately before receiving bread and wine of communion. We'll keep reviewing the situation.
- **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.
- **Organ Recital by David Davies 29th April 2022 with David Davies** - former Assistant Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral and now organist at Buckfast Abbey. To find out more or to buy your tickets please speak to Christine Tibbetts after the 11 o'clock service.
- **Easter Eggs** It is the time for buying Easter Eggs for the children in St. Matthias, Toddler Group and the Pre-School. We are buying 'Real Easter Eggs' from the Meaningful Chocolate Company including a booklet of the Easter story. To contribute to the cost, please put your gift in an envelope marked 'Easter Eggs' in the offering basket on the table at the back of church. For gifts up to £30 we can claim Gift Aid under the governments GASDS scheme so there is no need to provide address details on the envelopes. Your gift will be much appreciated.
- **Torbay Men's Breakfast** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the Livermead House Hotel. The speaker will be Chris Murray - a Christian and the business owner of Pennywell Farm. Contact Charlie for more information [charlieallansen@gmail.com](mailto:charlieallansen@gmail.com)
- **Many thanks** to everyone who has encouraged and sponsored me during the Fashion Fast this month. My sponsors have donated £270 so far and I would love to reach £300 before 31 March. If you haven't sponsored me already, this is your last chance! The link to my Just Giving page is [www.justgiving.com/judis-the-great-fashion-fast](http://www.justgiving.com/judis-the-great-fashion-fast) and all money goes to Tearfund for their work with communities already severely affected by climate change. Judi S
- **Christian Aid Ukraine Emergency Appeal**  
You are invited to donate in support of this appeal, either (and preferably) via their website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal> or by telephone: 020 7620 4444.



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