



Sunday 3 April 2022

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Welcome!

Today, the theme is 'Generosity & Worship'

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

Today	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together Activity sheet: Mary-anoints-Jesus - Activity Sheet
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtu.be/T-b6TsQT-IU
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in church</i>
Our readings today are:	
Psalm 95:1-7	https://tinyurl.com/bdzybddj
John 12: 1-8	https://tinyurl.com/bdev2cc9

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**

Thanks go to:

The stewards who keep
the church open in the
week for prayer 😊

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

Mon 4 April	7.30pm Lent Course week 5 <i>in church</i>
Tues 5 April	9am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Hall</i>
Wed 6 April	9am Holy Communion <i>in church</i>
	NO LENT COURSE TODAY – MOVED TO 13th @ 10am

	7.30pm Alpha <i>on zoom</i>
Fri 8 April	10-11.30am Mummy and Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30pm Youth Alpha <i>in the Hall</i>
Sun 10 April PALM SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	10-10.30am Prayer Vigil for Ukraine
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee and a craft stall</i>
	4pm Encounter <i>(youth-led service for all)</i>
<i>Holy Week and Easter Services</i>	
Mon 11 Apr	7.30pm Nicci Maxwell – Q & A session
Tues 12 Apr	3.15pm Messy Church for Easter
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7pm Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY	11am ‘Explore Good Friday’ <i>All Age Service</i> <i>followed by coffee and hot cross buns</i>
	2pm ‘An Hour at the Cross’ <i>Service of Reflection</i>
Sat 16 Apr	3.15pm Messy Church for Easter
EASTER SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30am Explore Easter <i>with baptisms</i>
	11am Easter Service with Holy Communion <i>beginning with praise on the piazza!</i>

Readings for Today

Psalms 95: 1-7

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.' ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun As we finish the course "Living in Love and Faith" pray that we will have learned to listen and respect one another better.

Mon Please pray for Ukrainian refugees arriving here, specifically in Torbay, and those who offer to welcome and support them. Pray for peace in Ukraine, for the peace talks, and for all grieving, in Ukraine and Russia.

Tue Pray for the Toddlers meeting, the Mummy and Me group, and all those involved with young people.

Wed Pray for the Alpha Course taking place. May those taking part be drawn nearer Jesus. Pray for Pete and Rachel as they lead the sessions.

Thurs Pray for Her Majesty the Queen and plans for celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. Remember too her family, especially her heirs, Prince Charles, Prince William and Prince George.

Fri Help to Hope. Pray for those worried about heating their homes and paying their bills; for those helping in debt agencies and that people will have the courage and humility to seek help.

Sat Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Mission Partner - for her recovery from Covid, and for the Q and A session due here about her work in Uganda on Monday.

Palm Sunday Pray that as we remember our Lord's entry into Jerusalem we will begin to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. May thankfulness for all Jesus has done for us fill our hearts and lives.

What's On and News



Coffee Box...Outreach for Easter

On Easter Saturday, 16 April, between 10 and 12 noon, a 'Coffee Box' event for our local community is planned to take place on the piazza. There will be free refreshments, along with a chance for people passing by to have a chat, and - if desired - to be prayed for. To promote this mission event and our Easter services, flyers will be delivered to homes in local streets during Holy Week, starting 11 April. If you can spare an hour or two to assist with this, or would like to help on the Saturday morning, please contact Joanna Wilkinson on 01803 327429.



It's time to book Messy Church!!!

We will be running two events in April...Tuesday 12th and Saturday 16th. Both at 3.15-5.30pm. We will be looking at God's Wonderful Surprise through fun, craft and worship. Supper is included for all. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone this Easter. Pre booking is essential for catering numbers! To book call Lena Fearnley on 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

Ukrainian Refugees Work is going on to try to get support in place for when the first refugees from Ukraine arrive. The Local Authority are looking for volunteers to assist at a drop-in centre at the Town Hall, probably on a Thursday. This will be to hand out cash to those arriving but will hopefully be an opportunity to help in other ways. If you are interested in helping please let Tessa know. stmatts.urag@gmail.com



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.

Matt's Knits Craft Stall in church after the service on Sunday 10th April. Proceeds to support Ukrainian refugees locally.

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.

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.

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.

Organ Recital by David Davies 29 April 2022 Tickets now on sale!

Former Assistant Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral and now organist at Buckfast Abbey. He's promised us a wide-ranging programme with something for everyone. To find out more or to buy your tickets please speak to us after the 11 o'clock service. We look forward to seeing you there! *Friends of St Matts*

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged me in the Fashion Fast and given so generously raising £360 for Tearfund (my target was £250) to support people already severely affected by climate change. Judi S

Ways to serve



Good Friday coffee and hot cross buns Would anyone like to help to do this after the 11am service? We have had some offers of help but need a couple more please. And a team to serve coffee on Easter Sunday? Thank you. Please contact Pere on 214175.

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



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