



Sunday 6 February 2022

'Accession Day'

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Welcome!

Today, we're learning about God's Holiness

Today is also the 70th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's Accession to the throne, marking today as the beginning of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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' on home page

Sun 6 February	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>in church</i>
	9.30am Breakfastzone <i>in church</i>
	11am Holy Communion <i>in church and livestreamed</i> https://youtu.be/zXrxThsHV_8
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77592015572?pwd=I2Oxmy4NBfY1LxdmcwEr15X-6jhHMI.1 Meeting ID: 775 9201 5572 Passcode: 4FXft2

Our readings today are:

Isaiah 6: 1-8 <https://tinyurl.com/p4c2566t>

Luke 5: 1-11 <https://tinyurl.com/49s9ka8b>

Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen**

Thanks to:
Pre-school staff and
Management
Committee



Mon 7 Feb	6.30-7.30am Early Morning Prayers – all welcome
	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
Tues 8 Feb	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
	12-1.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Hall</i>

Wed 9 Feb	9am Holy Communion (<i>Common Worship</i>) in church
	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
Thurs 10 Feb	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
	7.30pm Begin Well (<i>ante-natal course</i> in church)
Fri 11 Feb	10-11.30am Mummy & Me in church
	1pm Funeral of David Cloke
	6.30pm Youth Alpha 'Why and how do I read the bible'
Sun 13 Feb	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) in church
	11am All Age Worship in church and livestreamed

Covid – sorry, no changes...

While we are aware that the legal protective measures no longer apply, it still seems very unwise to abandon the measures we have been using up until now, for church services and in the Centre. Indeed, the latest Government advice supports this:

"You should continue to follow safer behaviours to protect yourself and others..."

So, please persevere in following the steps we have been using to protect one another:

- Wear a face covering, and please try to do a "Lateral Flow Test" before coming to church.
- Continue to use the hand sanitizing stations.
- And as before, please don't come to church if you feel unwell with any flu or cold symptoms. Thank you.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Diaries out please! LENT begins soon!

- **Ash Wednesday 2nd March** – with an evening Communion @7pm
- **The Lent Course this year is 'Living in Love and Faith'**

A 5 week course on Monday evenings from 7th March at 7.30pm, repeated on Wednesday mornings from 9th March at 10am. It intends to provide a safe space to listen to one another and to God to explore human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. These are really important subjects for the whole church to grapple with, but ones we find hard to talk about, so the Church of England has produced this course to encourage us to do that. The Staff Team here ran the course themselves in November and warmly commend it to everyone. To help us with the arrangements, **please book your space on Eventbrite or contact the office: <https://tinyurl.com/ypumc56v>**

Ways to serve in the church

Weekday Lunchtimes From 7th February we are going to be opening up the church at lunchtimes (12-2 weekdays) to provide a quiet space for anyone wishing to pray, to light a candle or just to have some quiet time. Would anyone like to join a team of people happy to steward this either just for the first hour or for both? You would be most welcome. Please speak to Pere in the office on 214175. (Please see the note below on safeguarding.)

Coffee makers We're sorry not to be able to provide coffee after the services at the moment but all being well, we hope to resume soon but outside and weather permitting! But...our lovely team of coffee makers is very small so we can only go ahead if anyone feels able to help out. Please contact Pere in the office on 214175.

Platinum Jubilee weekend in June – please think and pray about how St Matthias can best serve the community for these celebrations – and in particular let us know if you would be able to be part of a planning group for this.



Minibus we are hoping to be able to start to offer lifts to church again when it is safe to do so...in order to do this we need to find a team of drivers. If you wish to find out more please contact Andrew Stilliard on 07729 362802. (Please see the note below on safeguarding.)

St Matthias is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. In order to keep everyone safe we have a 'safer recruitment' procedure that we ask all volunteers to follow and all appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks.

News and Events

New Spring Term guide out today! – inside you'll find details about:

- The new service pattern from March with 'Explore' and 'Explore at 4'
- What's on in Lent
- Nicci Maxwell's visit
- Messy Church – with one on Easter Saturday!
- Themes of our Sunday teaching and learning
- New church opening times

Pastoral Care We have recently taken on the task of co-ordinating Pastoral Care in the parish. If you or someone you know has a Pastoral Care need please contact either Maureen Purdy 01803 299096 or Elaine Biden 01803 390222 in confidence. We can arrange phone calls, visits, help with shopping for example.



We still have a few places for the meal on Tuesday 8th February at Amici Restaurant. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to join us, but in any event not later than 12 noon on Sunday 6th February. You can obtain your menu choices sheet from Christine Tibbetts or do speak to her on 01803 291033 or 07789 692321

Messy Church... Tuesday 15th February, 3.15-5.30pm in the Church. Come along and play detective as we discover who did help in the Parable of The Good Samaritan. Full of indoor fun, crafts, worship and also supper is included for all who attend! Booking is essential and is already filling fast so do please call Lena on 295268 or email on stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org.

Men's Breakfast The next one will be on 5 March and the speaker will be Debbi Shotton from Rowcroft. The meeting in February has been cancelled as there weren't enough tickets sold to make it viable. For more information email: torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com

Readings for Today

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.'

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'

And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

Luke 5: 1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'
⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun. 70 years ago Princess Elizabeth succeeded to the throne as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11. Praise God for her Christian witness, her hard work for the Nation and Commonwealth. Please pray for her as she prepares to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee - a very busy time for her and her family.

Mon. Please continue to pray for the uncertainty of the situation in Ukraine. Please pray for the people of Afghanistan, with appalling famine, discrimination of women, Christians and other minorities.

Tue. Pray for the Government in these unstable times. Pray for honesty, integrity and unity. Pray for Kevin and Hazel Foster in their work in Parliament and locally.

Wed. Pray that people will use the Church during the times it is to be kept open and may they find the peace and quiet they may not be able to get elsewhere.

Thu. Remember all who are ill at home, in hospital or Care Homes; those waiting for a procedure. May they all know the peace and touch of the Lord on their lives.

Fri. There are many who are afraid of the subjects of the Lent Course. Pray that we may all attend and listen and learn to seek God's will for our Church.

Sat. Pray for all the young people of our Church both at school and in the church activities. Pray we may find the greatly needed leader for the youth work.

Sun. Praise God for all who help people in the community – those on the front line, those in the emergency sector; those who care for and influence us.

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