



**Good Friday &  
Easter Sunday 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>Good Friday</b>	<b>11am 'Explore Good Friday'</b> <i>a solemn service – but designed for all ages. Followed by coffee and Hot Cross buns</i> <a href="#">The First Easter Activity Sheet</a>
	<b>2pm 'An hour at the Cross'</b> <i>with readings, reflections and silence</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/WyVJ2TSbduE">https://youtu.be/WyVJ2TSbduE</a>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/fUqL-biOOW0">https://youtu.be/fUqL-biOOW0</a>
	<b>9.30am Explore Easter</b> <i>with baptisms</i>
	<b>11am Easter Service with Holy Communion</b> <i>beginning with praise on the piazza!</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/FuqKxAfRs8E">https://youtu.be/FuqKxAfRs8E</a> <i>followed by coffee</i>

**Our readings today are:**

**Acts 10: 34-43**      <https://tinyurl.com/a8mw6jyp>

**Luke 24: 1-12**      <https://tinyurl.com/dn2kh7f6>

### Collect for Easter Sunday

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Thanks go to:**



Coffee Team

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

<b>Mon 18 Apr</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – church &amp; centre closed</b>
<b>Tues 19 Apr</b>	<b>12-1.30pm Matts Knits</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Wed 20 April</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>7.30pm Alpha</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Sun 24 April</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>11am Morning Worship with 10 – 1030am Ukraine Prayer Vigil</b>
	<b>4pm Explore Together</b>

## Readings for Today

### Acts 10: 34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### Luke 24: 1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

## News

**Sad news** Malcolm Ford plans to hold a service of Thanksgiving at St Matthias in a few weeks' time, following the private funeral on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## Other News



**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 [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com) (for numbers and lifts: offered or needed)

### Ruth's Research Request

One of my college assignments asks how the church helps people on their journey as disciples of Jesus. To answer this, I have a questionnaire which I'm asking randomly-selected people to fill in. Please check if there is a named envelope on the table at the back for you. If so, could you kindly read, complete and return to me by 24th April please? There will be a sealed box at the back of church for your reply. Many thanks, Ruth

**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*

**Begin Well....** FREE Antenatal class starts Thursday 28th April for 5 weeks 7.30 - 9pm at St Matthias. Contact Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 or book on Eventbrite 'Begin Well Torquay'.

## Prayer

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

**Easter Sunday – He is risen, He is risen indeed.** We continue to praise Jesus that He rose from the dead and conquered satan once and for all as He took our sins away.

**Mon.** We pray for the Government in chaos with partygate, the economy difficulties, our part in the Ukrainian war. Pray we may see more uprightness and honesty in our country.

**Tue** Remember "Mummy and Me" as the little people meet with their parents or guardians. Pray as they spread into other churches. May they draw people to Jesus.

**Wed.** Pray for the leaders of God's church, from the Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and all church leaders in Torbay. May we all grow in love, peace and happiness, and grow more outward looking.

**Thu.** Continue to pray for the awful situation in Ukraine. Pray for peace and a cease of violence. Pray for all suffering, bereavement, injury or homelessness.

**Fri.** Easter marks the beginning of the tourism year. Please pray local businesses and enterprises may have a successful and profitable year, that many people may continue to have holidays in this country and that job vacancies may be filled.

**Sat.** Pray for those who have recently been bereaved, are ill, those from Ukraine making their homes in Torbay and those welcoming them.

**Sun.** Praise God for our meeting with Nicci Maxwell. Pray for her as she prepares to return to Kisoro, Uganda to serve the Lord helping with babies and young people. God bless her.

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