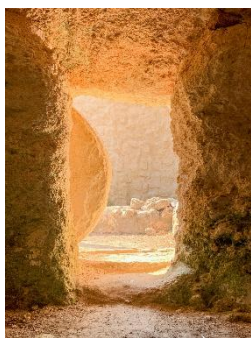


# EASTER SUNDAY 20th April 2025

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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

<b>Sun 20 April</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Informal family communion service in the Hall</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee</b> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/xiTanwXCEq0?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/xiTanwXCEq0?feature=share</a>
<b>Mon 21 April</b>	<i>Church and Centre closed</i>
<b>Tues 22 April</b>	<i>9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits</b>
<b>Wed 23 April</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12-2pm Welcome Space</b> <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
<b>Thur 24 April</b>	<b>11.30am Funeral of Jan Barden</b>
	<b>5.45pm Girls Allowed – Chinese Takeaway in the Hall</b>
<b>Fri 25 April</b>	<b>9.30-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me in the church</b>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club in the Hall</b>
<b>Sun 27 April</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship with Baptism followed by tea/coffee</b>
	<b>5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' informal praise and worship</b>

### Collect

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:  
The Welcome Teams**



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

## Readings

### 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.'

### John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## *Dates for the diary*

**TODAY! Sunday Lunch Easter Sunday 20 April at 1.30pm.** For information please contact Gill Buick 07709 727714

**Sad News** We are sad to report that Jan Barden (June's daughter) has died. Her funeral will be held at St Matthias Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Jan at this time.

**Girls Allowed** - a reminder for those who have booked in for the Chinese Takeaway meal. We will be meeting at 5.45pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> in the hall. Suggested donation is £5. We look forward to seeing you! *Elaine, Susie H, Andrea, Sue D and Judi*

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](mailto:tim@irvinenott.co.uk)

## *News*

**Easter Sunday, is the last day to fill in the form for the Electoral Roll.** Please see Paulina after the 11am service, or ask for a new form if you are at the other services.

**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

**Books for Easter...**please have a look at a new selection of library books at the back of church which you are welcome to borrow.

**Sunday Coffee Team...**has some lovely helpers but urgently needs some more...if you can help please see Sue Day.

## EASTER SERVICES – see posters

### 18 April Good Friday

10am All Age Service  
*with hot cross buns*

2pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' *reflective service*

### 20 April Easter Sunday

8am Prayer Book Communion

9.30am Informal, family communion service in hall

11am Holy Communion



**You can join in an ONLINE SERVICE ON GOOD FRIDAY here from 9am on 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6c2zY7heF4>

It is a service from Emmanuel Church, Loughborough for the Church of England.

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## *Prayers for this week*

**Mon** Lord, thank you for the power of your resurrection and that we no longer need to fear death but can be with you forever.

**Tue** Dear God, open our eyes to see the needs of those in our community and to act now.

**Weds** Father, help us today to enjoy your presence despite all the challenges and difficulties in life.

**Thurs** Dear God, thank you that you are continually speaking to us through the life-changing words of the bible.

**Fri** Lord, thank you for everything you have done in my life and everything you are going to do in the future.

**Sat** Lord, fill me today with your Holy Spirit and may my heart be filled with generosity, justice and the love of God.

**Sun** Father, help us to spread the good news of your resurrection. We pray that you would make your church as numerous as the stars in the sky.