



## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.*

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	Holy Communion
6pm	Winter Night Shelter project begins at St Matthias
During the Week	
Mon	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.45pm Alpha course <i>in the church</i>
Thurs	
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kents Cavern Cafe
Sunday 14 February	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	

### Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
 set straight our crooked hearts,  
 and bend our wills to love your goodness  
 and your glory  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Readings

### **2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup>We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

### **Luke 9: 28-43**

<sup>28</sup>About a week after he had said these things, Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up a hill to pray. <sup>29</sup>While he was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly two men were there talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in heavenly glory and talked with Jesus about the way in which he would soon fulfill God's purpose by dying in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and his companions were sound asleep, but they woke up and saw Jesus' glory and the two men who were standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not really know what he was saying.) <sup>34</sup>While he was still speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow; and the disciples were afraid as the cloud came over them. <sup>35</sup>A voice said from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen—listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice stopped, there was Jesus all alone. The disciples kept quiet about all this and told no one at that time anything they had seen. <sup>37</sup>The next day Jesus and the three disciples went down from the hill, and a large crowd met Jesus. <sup>38</sup>A man shouted from the crowd, "Teacher! I beg you, look at my son—my only son!" <sup>39</sup>A spirit attacks him with a sudden shout and

throws him into a fit, so that he foams at the mouth; it keeps on hurting him and will hardly let him go! <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they couldn't."

<sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "How unbelieving and wrong you people are! How long must I stay with you? How long do I have to put up with you?" Then he said to the man, "Bring your son here."

<sup>42</sup> As the boy was coming, the demon knocked him to the ground and threw him into a fit. Jesus gave a command to the evil spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> All the people were amazed at the mighty power of God.

## LENT

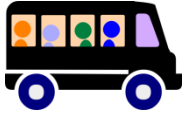
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 10 February with Holy Communion at 9am and 6.30pm.
- The Lent Course on prayer begins on 18 February. Please see separate purple leaflet for details.
- Lent book 2016 – the recommended book this year is 'Dust and Glory' by David Runcorn containing daily bible readings and reflections. Available to buy in church from today £8. Please put money in a blue envelope marked 'lent book' and put in box on wall or in the collection. Other Lent books are also available and can be borrowed from the Library.

## Suggestions for your own prayers this week

## What's On & News

**We are sorry** to report that Dorothy Blandford has recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Her funeral will be held at St Matthias at 12pm on Tuesday 16 February.

**Church cleaning** We are looking for 3 people to join the cleaning team on a rota basis once every 6 weeks. Please speak to Jean Fricker or the office. Thank you.



**St Matthias** now has its own minibus and we are trying to establish how many people would appreciate being picked up on a Sunday to attend the 10.30 service. We would also like to know of any people who would like to go on a rota of drivers (to do this you need to be between 30 and 70 years old and have a minibus entitlement (D1) on your driving licence). Please indicate on the list at the back of church if you are a potential user or driver or know of any other church members who would appreciate a lift or let Pere know in the office. For further information please contact Tony Barratt.



**Soup and Pud** The Friends of Rowcroft will be hosting another popular fund-raising event on Saturday 20 February 12 noon to 2pm. Delicious homemade soup and puddings plus bric-a-brac stalls and raffle. Only £5. Do come, bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

**Piano cover** The blue piano (clavinova) cover has disappeared. If anyone has spotted it anywhere, please could they let Tony Barratt or the office know.

**PCC** If you would like to know more about the PCC, what it does and the areas of business which it considers, or if you are considering standing for the PCC at the annual meeting in April, copies of the latest minutes are now available to view in the black folder by the door of the Hall.

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