



Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.*

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Winter Night Shelter <i>in the Hall</i>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Ash Wednesday	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12 noon Lent Lunch for Christian Aid <i>in the Hall</i>
	7pm Holy Communion
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri	1.45pm Funeral of Margaret Knapp
	6.30-8pm TGIF
Sunday 10 March	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service
12pm	Money Matters seminar <i>in the Hall</i>
5.30pm	Evening Service

Thanks go to...the people who make the practical preparations for our Holy Communion services 😊

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Readings

Exodus 34: 29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Luke 9: 28-45

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. ³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸ A man in the crowd called out, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.' ⁴¹ 'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.' ⁴² Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marvelling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ 'Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.' ⁴⁵ But they did

not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

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

You are Alpha and Omega
 We worship You our Lord
 You are worthy to be praised
We give You all the glory
We worship You our Lord
You are worthy to be praised
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For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God that we have freedom to worship wherever and whenever we want. Pray that we may never abuse this privilege. Pray for areas of the world where it can be dangerous to declare one's faith.
Mon	Let us pray for all refugees and homeless people. Nearer home pray for prisoners and those who look after them praying for empathy and safety.
Tues	Pray for Nicci Maxwell our CMS Link Mission Partner. Praise God for the visitors who have helped at Potters Village. She asks prayer for a nurse called Grace Hughes who is going to work for six months and for the right person to become Administrator for Potters Village.
Wed	Remember all who work here. Last week we remembered those who wash the tea towels, so right through to the Ministry Team led by John .
Thurs	Pray for our Government as they struggle to sort out Brexit.
Fri	Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Pray we may use Lent to grow closer to our Lord . Pray for the Lent Courses , for the Lent Lunches in aid of Christian Aid and for those who prepare them. May there be a very good response.
Sat	Pray for all the family and friends of those who have been bereaved recently, praying that God will bring real comfort to them.
Sun	Pray for the services today. May all the congregations be able to mix and sustain fellowship. May we worship in spirit and in truth.

Giving to support the church: We encourage people to give via the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS) from their bank accounts. That's why the collection plate often goes around empty! So, if you are new to St Matthias, please do not feel you need to put any cash into the collection plate but do ask one of the Welcomers for more information about the PGS. Thank you.

LENT

1. **Ash Wednesday** 6 March – service of Holy Communion at 9am & 7pm
2. **Lent Course 'Talking Jesus'** begins on Tues 12 March at 7.30pm and is repeated on Wed mornings at 10.15am. Runs for 6 weeks. The course is free (booklet £1). Coffee available at the start.
1 in 5 people want to find out more about Jesus. The Lent Course this year aims to equip each one of us to be better ambassadors for our faith. Come along to as many sessions as you can. Everyone welcome. Themes are:
Week 1: Everyone talking Jesus Week 2: What motivates us?
Week 3: Living distinctively Week 4: Our story
Week 5: God's story Week 6: Go on talking Jesus
3. **Lent Lunches** will be offered again this year beginning on Wed 6 March and every Wed until Easter. 12-1.30pm. Delicious bread and cheese lunches with pickles, fruit and coffee/tea. All profits to Christian Aid so do come and support this worthwhile cause and why not bring a friend?
4. **Lent Books** There is a good selection of books for Lent reading on the book shelves at the back of church. You are welcome to borrow one if you wish.

10 March 'Money Matters' @ 12pm – following our morning service two professionals (a solicitor and chartered financial planner) will be joining us for a useful advice session on money management, wills and lasting powers of attorney. This informative session (1 hr) is for all age groups, not just 'older' members! To enable both parents to attend we will be providing activities for children. Please stay to hear what our experts have to say.

Easter Gift Shop Following the success of the Christmas Shop, there will be an Easter shop on Sun 7th April with **profits to The Wellspring Project**. There will be a selection of lovely Easter cards and gifts and if you would like a Fairtrade Real Easter Egg please let us know as soon as possible. Egg prices start at 4.99. Please register your interest to us now on 01803 916338/dgj17burch@yahoo.co.uk or in church so we can get an idea of quantities. Thank you! Val and Dave

We're sad to hear that Margaret Knapp has died. Her funeral will be held on Friday 8 March at 1.45pm. Please pray for her family and friends at this time.

New and updated Contact Lists available from today from the back of church or from the office during the week. £1 to cover printing costs please.

Men's Breakfast Sat 16 March Contact Charlie to book c.allansen@btinternet.com