



Welcome!

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

Sunday 20 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Growzone	Hall
10.30am	Coffee	Pine Room
11am	Holy Communion	Hall
5.30pm	Youth-led service	Hall

During the Week

Tues	12.30pm Matts Knits	Lounge
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Lounge
	10-12noon Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	Lounge
Thurs	11.30am Funeral of Gladys Bosley <i>followed by refreshments in the</i> Hall	
	7.30pm Girls Allowed	Lounge

Sunday 27 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Prayzone	Hall
10.30am	Coffee	Pine Room
11am	Morning Worship	Hall
4-6pm	Jollyween	Hall
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Lounge

At St Matthias we're here to:

- worship God
- make disciples
- transform communities

as we seek to "share the good news of Jesus with everyone"

Prayer for the Nation at this Time

(taken from the "pastoral letter" from the Bishops)
 God of hope, in these times of change,
 unite our nation
 and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
 Give us courage to overcome our fears,
 and help us to build a future in which all may prosper
 and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

1 Peter 2: 4-12

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

‘See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.’

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’

⁸and, ‘A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

John 21: 1-19

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³‘I’m going out to fish,’ Simon Peter told them, and they said, ‘We’ll go with you.’ So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you any fish?’

‘No,’ they answered. ⁶He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, ‘It is the Lord,’ he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish you have just caught.’ ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the

net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for today's services - Holy Communion, Growzone and Youth Led Service . Remember the young people, may they be led by the Holy Spirit.
Mon	Continue to pray for the Wellspring Project , that the work will go to time, budget and the plans. Pray for their safety in what is sometimes dangerous.
Tues	Please pray for Girls Allowed and the preparations for Jollyween Sunday . Pray that the fun planned will counter the spirit of Halloween.
Wed	Pray for all who are unwell just now. Pray for those who care for them: doctors and nurses, carers and helpers.
Thurs	Praise God for our beautiful world and pray we may be more careful and responsible for its wellbeing.
Fri	Praise God that we still have freedom of worship. Think of those countries where people are tortured and suffer for their faith in Jesus.
Sat	Pray for our politicians and all that "might" happen on October 31st. Pray for peace in our country.
Sun	Pray for our Church Leaders, the Staff Team, PCC, Home Group leaders, Prayer Ministry Team and many others.

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What's on and News



Alpha – come along and try it! It's not too late to start! It's a great refresher of the basics, and a great introduction to the Christian faith. It's running on Mondays and will be run weekly over about 10 sessions (not in half term). Each session begins at 9.15am and there is childcare. (There will be an evening course beginning in January.) If you or someone you know is interested, please let the clergy or office know.



Celebration Weekend...for the re-opening of the church **Save the Date!**

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December (daytime & evening).

Barn Dance Saturday evening, carol service with Bishop Nick on Sunday evening. We'd love for as many people as possible to sign up as a helper for this. Please see one of the leadership team today to put your name on the list. Thank you.



Girls Allowed meets to carve pumpkin-lights with a Christian theme to give to Jollyween families on Thursday October 24th, 7.30-9.30pm in the Church Lounge. Poster in Hall for signing up or email jrmp@btinternet.com.

Jollyween Sunday 27th October 4 to 6pm in the Hall. Please join us for a family fun filled afternoon of games, crafts and party food. (No costumes please.)

The Friends of St Matthias are grateful to everyone who supported the recent Open Mic event, particularly the many talented performers who provided a great evening's entertainment, but also all who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure that everything went so smoothly. A total of £639 was raised on the night, all of it for the Wellspring Project. Thank you!

Thanks go to...those working with our children and young people and for Victoria, Judi and Tessa who head up this ministry ☺

Light up a Life Rowcroft Service Sunday 1 December at 3pm. A special service to remember loved ones who have died in the last year or so.

Sad news Gladys Bosley has recently died. Her funeral will be held in the Hall here at St Matthias Church on 24 October at 11.30am.

The prayer on the front sheet is taken from a "**pastoral letter**" sent by our Bishops to the church and church leaders in the light of the Brexit tensions currently facing us. Copies of the letter are available in church today.