



**ALL SAINTS DAY**

## 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 3 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Pine Room</i>
9.30am	Breakfastzone	<i>Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Pine Room</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>Hall</i>

### During the Week

Mon	9.15am Alpha Course	<i>Lounge</i>
Tues	9am – 11.30am Open House Toddlers group	<i>Lounge</i>
	12.30pm Matts Knits	<i>Lounge</i>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
	10-12noon Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	<i>Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting	<i>Ark</i>
	2.30 ‘Tea and Cakes’ afternoon – everyone welcome	<i>Hall</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	<i>Hall</i>

### Sunday 10 November – Remembrance Sunday

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Pine Room</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Pine Room</i>
10.55am	United Family Service for Remembrance Day	<i>Hall</i>

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”

### Collect

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

### **Ephesians 1: 11-end**

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### **Luke 6: 20-31**

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup> 'But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Make way, make way for Christ the King arrives. As we prepare for Advent let us examine ourselves afresh and be right with God and ready to meet him.
Mon	Thank God for those on the <b>Alpha Course</b> , praying that they may each find what they are looking for and above all else find God's plan for them.
Tues	Thank God that the work on the <b>Wellspring Project</b> is going well. Pray that there will be no more delays.
Wed	Pray for <b>Matts Cats and for Anya</b> who leads them. In the fun of singing may they be used to witness to Jesus.
Thurs	Pray for our world with so much confusion and disorder; with the forest fires, then the floods and storms, the changes or likely changes - think of Argentina and various countries in the Middle East.
Fri	Pray for those finding life difficult especially <b>Asylum Seekers, Refugees and all homeless people</b> , that they will feel people's compassion and help.
Sat	Remember the <b>Staff Team</b> and all <b>who help in the life of the Church. Pray for unity and love at all times.</b>
Sun	Pray for all the services today, praying that we may all be drawn to meet our <b>God of love and mercy.</b>

## What's on and News



### Celebration Weekend...

for the re-opening of the church  
**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December**  
(daytime & evening).

Activities during the day on Saturday – stalls, crafts, inflatables, entertainment, refreshments followed by a Barn Dance Saturday evening, carol service with Bishop Nick on Sunday evening. We'd love for as many people as possible to come and also 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.

Pick up a leaflet today! 😊



**Friends' Lunch** Do join us at the Friends' ever popular Christmas lunch, at the Headland Hotel on 1st December. Bookings are now being taken at £18.50 for two courses or £22 for three. All profits to the Wellspring Fund. Not to be missed!



**Posada 2019** - the journey begins on 1st December. Crib figures travel house to house as we offer hospitality and friendship. **Please join in** - sign up in the hall. New folk particularly welcome. (Or contact Ruth on 01803 [293119/jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:293119/jrmp@btinternet.com))

**Girls allowed** meet Tuesday 19th November at church. Bring and share a plate of Christmas nibbles (and the recipe!) 7.30-9.30pm Please sign up in hall or email [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com). Why not bring a friend?



**Men's Breakfast** Saturday 9 November 9am  
See Charlie for more info or to book  
[c.allansen@btinternet.com](mailto:c.allansen@btinternet.com)

**Thanks go to...**the  
Girls Allowed team 😊

**Christmas Men's Breakfast for Ladies too!** The 'Christmas Special' is due to be held on 7 December but Charlie is unable to coordinate it this year – can anyone step forward to help do this? Please speak to Charlie. Thanks.

**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.



**Remembrance Sunday 10 November** – we will be trying to have a short period of quiet before the start of the service at 11am and so we are asking for the congregation to be seated by 10.55am if possible. Thank you.

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***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 or the Treasurer for more information about the PGS. Thank you.