



Remembrance Sunday



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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 10 November

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>

During the Week

Mon	9.15am Alpha Course	<i>Ark</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>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats	<i>Pine</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club	

Sunday 17 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Pine Room</i>
9.30am	Growzone	<i>Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Pine Room</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>Hall</i>
5.30pm	'Route 66' youth-led service	<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 for Remembrance Sunday

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Ephesians 4: 1-3, 22-32

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ 'In your anger do not sin': do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Matthew 5: 1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Thank God for all who gave their lives for the country. Pray for those who mourn today and all those who still suffer physically and mentally as a result of war.
Mon	Pray for the Wellspring Project . Pray that the contractors will finish on time. Pray for their safety and expertise in all their work.
Tues	Thank God for the Men’s Breakfast and pray for its future as numbers are falling and soon there won’t be enough to warrant the bookings. Pray for Charlie as he has responsibility for it.
Wed	Pray for all who are ill, in homes, hospital or at home. Pray that God will meet them at their point of need and heal them.
Thurs	Pray for all who help others in our society - the police, those who work in the NHS, the ambulance service, fire service, council workers and others.
Fri	Pray for the homeless, the asylum seekers, the poor, the disadvantaged, those whose home is the street. For street and school pastors, those committed to pray for them .
Sat	Pray for the Staff Team . Pray for all they do and say as they lead our church, especially in our worship.
Sun	Pray for the services today. May we remember that we are in God’s House and in His presence. We are on Holy Ground.

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.

Pick up a leaflet today! 😊



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.





Celebration Helpers Could you be a furniture remover for the weekend? We need people to set up stalls, clear away tables, set up for the barn dance, clear away and set up the church ready for the Sunday services. Please sign up in the Hall if you can help or see Sylvia for more information. Thank you. It will be fun! 😊

And watch this space for other ways you can get involved...

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: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.
Why not bring a friend?

Thanks go to...
Celebration Weekend
planning team 😊



Christmas Men's Breakfast for Ladies too!

New date... the 'Christmas Special' will be held on 7 December. Please see Alan Taylor for tickets and more information.

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.

Bible Notes If you wish to renew, change or stop your bible notes for 2020 please email or speak to Suzy Young as soon as possible as they have to be ordered by the end of November. Thank you

Sad news Pat George-Amuah has recently died. She died suddenly at home. We don't yet have any details for her funeral but will let you know as soon as we can. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

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