



## 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 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>

### 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>
	3.15pm Messy Church	<i>Hall</i>
	7.30pm Girls Allowed	<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>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting	<i>Ark</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	

### Sunday 24 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Pine Room</i>
9.30am	Prayzone	<i>Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Pine Room</i>
11am	Morning Worship	<i>Hall</i>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	<i>Lounge</i>

**Collect** Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

### Malachi 4: 1-2a

‘Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

### Luke 21: 5-19

<sup>5</sup> Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> ‘As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.’

<sup>7</sup> ‘Teacher,’ they asked, ‘when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?’

<sup>8</sup> He replied: ‘Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, “I am he,” and, “The time is near.” Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.’

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them: ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> ‘But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup> And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> Stand firm, and you will win life.

### For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	“Rejoice in the Lord always” we have so many things for which to rejoice, among them for the progress of the <b>Wellspring Project</b> . Pray it will be finished on time.
Mon	Pray for those planning the programme of activities for the opening weekend and that many of the local community will come. May the very <b>presence of God be evident and draw people in to the life of the Church</b> .
Tues	We remember before God all who are ill or suffering and especially we pray for Alan Poole’s sister Linda in South Africa.

Wed	Thank God for the life and witness of <b>Pat George-Amuah</b> . Remember her family and friends with love and gratitude.
Thurs	As we have been remembering those who gave their lives in the wars, so we pray for our future in the face of Brexit and all the divisions. Pray for our <b>Prime Minister</b> as he tries to hold things together in a turbulent situation.
Fri	Pray for all who suffer in any way - migrants, refugees, homeless, hungry. May they look to God to meet all their needs.
Sat	Pray for good attendance at the <b>Ladies and Men's Breakfast</b> and that God would use the time to speak to people's hearts through the speaker.
Sun	Praise God for the Staff Team, all who volunteer in the life of the church, in small matters and large. Praise God for <b>Sylvia and Paul - Church Wardens</b> - for all they do seen and unseen by us all. Pray for <b>real love</b> in our Church.

## 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 on Saturday evening, and carol service with Bishop Nick on Sunday evening. We'd love for as many people as possible to come.

Pick up a leaflet today! 😊



**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...

**Barn Dance tickets** are now on sale! Get yours today (or from the office during the week). Saturday 14 December at 6.30pm.



**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?

Thanks go to... Missions  
Action Group 😊



**Christmas Men's Breakfast for Ladies too!** New date... the 'Christmas Special' will be held on 7 December. Please see Ruth Beckett to buy your ticket.

**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. Her funeral is likely to be in the afternoon of Thursday 28 November here at St Matthias but to be confirmed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.



**Carol singing** around the residential homes week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please join us – all very welcome whatever your standard of singing! Sign-up sheet in the hall.

## Wellspring Update 😊

Good news! We're on track for the bulk of the inside of the work to be completed by the end of November. With the very wet weather and some other supply issues, it's likely that the outside work will continue for a couple more weeks beyond that. Further good news is that we've received a £25,000 grant from the Beatrice Laing Trust. This means that we have raised in excess of £800K! However to complete the project in the light of additional work that has been needed, we estimate we still need a further £38K. If you would still like to give to the Project or assist with further grant applications, please contact Tony Barratt, PCC treasurer. 😊

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