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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 1 December

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Pine</i>
9.30am	Breakfastzone	<i>Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Pine</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>Hall</i>
1pm	<i>Friends lunch at the Headland Hotel</i>	
3pm	Light up a Life service with Rowcroft <i> followed by refreshments</i>	<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>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting	<i>Ark</i>
	2.30pm Christmas Tea & Cakes – Chat @ St Matts	<i>Hall</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	
Sat	<i>9am Christmas Men's Breakfast for Ladies too – English Riviera</i>	

Sunday 8 December

BACK IN CHURCH!

we pray ☺

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Church</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service	<i>Church</i>
12.30pm	Baptism of Arlo Williams	<i>Church</i>

The Big Clean Up ☺



See below...

Thanks go to... all

involved in the finance
work for the church and
the re-ordering project ☺

Readings

Romans 13: 11-end

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Matthew 24: 36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for the “Light up a Life Service” with Rowcroft . Remember anyone who mourns a loved one in whatever circumstances.
Mon	Pray for all attending the Alpha Course . Remember those leading that they will enable the others to grow in their walk with Jesus.
Tues	Pray for all preparing for the celebration weekend , especially the cleaners.
Wed	Thank God for the Friends of St. Matthias and for all they have collected for the upkeep of the Church. Pray now for their Christmas lunch.
Thurs	Pray for all the Staff Team with so much pressure for Christmas.
Fri	Pray for those who will be carol singing in some of the Residential Homes. Pray that they will bring peace and joy to the Residents .
Sat	Pray for the Men’s Breakfast and ladies joining them. Pray for John and Marjorie Broadhead as they share their story.
Sun	Praise God for the work done in the Wellspring Project and pray that the work will be finished by the weekend. Praise God for the contractors and for <u>all</u> who have contributed towards the work.

What's on and News



Celebration Weekend...



Have you bought your tickets for the Barn Dance yet?

Sign up today for the church family celebration lunch.

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December

There will be activities during the day on Saturday – stalls, crafts, inflatables, entertainment, refreshments followed by a Barn Dance in the evening, and on Sunday there will be our carol service with Bishop Nick at 6.30pm. We'd love for as many people as possible to come.

Celebration Helpers ***How will you be helping?*** Could you be a furniture remover? Or help with something else? 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. We also need helpers with the catering and manning inflatables.** Please sign up today or see Sylvia for more information. Thank you. It will be fun! 😊



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



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)



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



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

Collect Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

CHURCH CLEANING

Calling all cleaners and anyone with a duster! We're going to be back in the church on 8 December (we hope and pray). But before we can move back in there is a big cleaning job to be done! Can anyone help with this on Friday 6 December – time tbc. The high level cleaning will have been done by contractors. Thank you. Please sign up on Sunday or see Sylvia.



Wellspring Update 😊 Great news! We've been assured that we'll be able to be back in church on 8 December. Most of the exterior work will be done by the Launch weekend but there may be a few details still outstanding. 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. 😊

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.

**NEW ROAD
LAYOUT
AHEAD**

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