



Welcome

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

Sunday 5 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Breakfastzone	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Hall
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Church
Sunday 12 January		
Mon	10am – 12.30pm Open Church begins again every weekday	Church
Tues	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers	Lounge
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Church
	7.30pm St Matts Cats	Church
Thurs	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts	Church
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	Hall
Sunday 12 January		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Hall
11am	United Family Service	Church

Thanks go to...

all the people who clean
the church and the
Centre 😊

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Readings

Ephesians 3: 1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –
² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'
³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:
⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."
⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'
⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

For our prayers and praise over Christmas

Sun	Praise God for His guidance over the last year and pray for His guidance this year.
Mon	Pray that the contractors responsible for the Wellspring Project may finish the last remaining jobs soon.
Tues	Pray for the Alpha course soon to start at “Me and Mrs Jones” praying that using a secular venue may prove to be helpful.
Wed	Pray for all who are ill in hospital or at home. May they know Christ’s healing.
Thurs	Pray for Australia, above all for rain to extinguish the terrible fires.
Fri	Pray for peace in our world. Pray for the leaders of the nations.
Sat	Pray for our Staff team in all they do to lead us nearer Jesus.
Sun	Pray for our services and all who will lead them.

What’s on and News



	<p>Note: we have a new way into the church now 😊 West Porch – usual Sunday entrance North Porch – disabled, pushchairs only</p>
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Christmas Charity Collections Thank you for your generous contributions to our Christmas collections. You raised £2050 😊 They are to be shared between ‘Compassion UK’ to buy solar lamps for poor communities in Togo, and ‘CAP (Christians against Poverty)’ – an agency offering practical help and support with managing money, budgeting, saving etc.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Wellspring Launch and the Christmas events and services run so smoothly.

Pigeon holes – please collect any Christmas cards and presents etc from your pigeon holes (located at the back of church).

Keeping the church open for visitors – re-opening on 6 January - our team of volunteers will be welcoming visitors to our wonderful new space and church café early in the new year when we will be open in the mornings from 10-12.30pm. We

would also like to extend this welcome by extending the hours. Would you like to join our current team in this wonderful ministry? Please speak to Pere in the office if so.



A date for your diaries. The Friends of St Matthias are starting their 2020 programme of social and fund raising events with the traditional New Year meal at Amici Italian Restaurant, Torwood Street on Wednesday 5th February. Bookings are now being taken!

Night Shelter The Night Shelter will be running at St Matthias again this year beginning on 9 February 2020. There will be a **meeting on Sunday 12 January** with Malcolm Ford after the service (approx. 12pm) in the Lounge for any volunteers or anyone wanting to help.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 11 January with Giles Fearnley as the speaker. To book or for more information please contact Charlie on 07917 005406 or c.allansen@btinternet.com. If anyone isn't receiving information from Charlie and wants to be added to the list, please drop him an email.

Alpha

Start date: 22 January @ 7.30pm

Venue: Me and Mrs Jones (Ilsham Road)

Pick up a leaflet today or speak with one of the team.



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.

