



But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead Philippians 3:13

Welcome

Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

or via the church website:

<https://st-matthias-church.org/about-us/covid-19-corona-virus/>

(or follow links from 'covid/coronavirus' or 'services' tabs on home page)

**Sunday
19 July**

9.30am Growzone

10.30am Coffee on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76014156513?pwd=bXVYdFhzdDhiR2FmaHR2TFZpc3FOdz09>

Meeting ID: **760 1415 6513** Passcode: **r3RMJP**

11am Holy Communion – on line

11am Morning Worship – in church – please see note below about phoning to book a place

Bible readings for today: Philippians 3:12- 4:1 & Matthew 13:1-9 and 18 – 23

Phil: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=philippians+3%3A++12-4%3A1&version=NIVUK>

Matt: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13%3A1-23+&version=NIVUK>

Next week

**Sunday
26 July**

9.30am Prayzone

10.30am Coffee on Zoom

11am Morning Worship online and shorter service in church

5.30pm Prayer Meeting – in church (not zoom – please remember you face covering!)

😊 **Thanks go to...**

the wardens and stewards enabling the church building to open again

Collect

Creator God,
 you made us all in your image:
 may we discern you in all that we see,
 and serve you in all that we do;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

For our praise and prayers this week	
Sun	Praise God for aids to worship. Praise God that some will be able to go back into St. Matts building today. Pray for those leading and worshipping, that it will all go well despite no singing or closeness. May God be lifted high both in the church building and from our homes online.
Mon	Pray that the Coronavirus will be defeated by God. Pray, too, that we may learn new lessons in how to be 'Church'.
Tues	Pray for the Staff Team in all they do; but especially John and Paul with spiritual leadership, for Sylvia and Paul the Churchwardens in all their 'extra' duties.
Wed	Pray for all our leaders in Church and State, especially Her Majesty the Queen, Prime Minister and all MPs. For our Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy, pray for them wisdom, integrity and humility.
Thurs	Remember all who are ill, awaiting operations or procedures or just in pain, that God will meet them.
Fri	Pray for all asylum seekers, refugees and homeless people. For all trying to alleviate their sufferings.
Sat	Praise God for all who are providing food and clothing. Pray for all necessary funding to be found and then their ministry of love.
Sun	Pray for Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Mission Partner, all the Ministry Societies and other aid agencies who we support. May our vision like theirs be outward looking. Pray for plans for the Alpha Course and for Ruth Beckett as she prepares to continue her training.

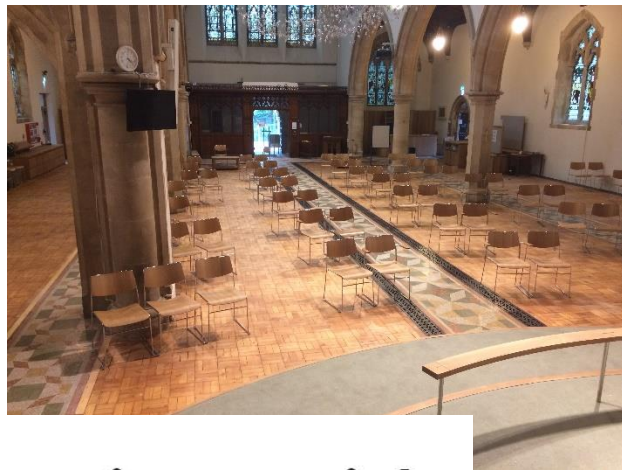
Learning from Philippians this week:

Keep focussed – keep going!

Paul moves the image of our faith journey to the racetrack today, with the encouragement and challenges that this brings to us. As in previous weeks, the teaching at the 9.30am services will be explored in more depth in the sermons at the 11am online services. *So if you didn't catch previous sermons, remember you can always view the services again on YouTube!*

Church Building Opening and Online Worship Update

We are delighted to be able to invite you back into the church building for prayer and services again – though it is complicated! And we will be continuing as church online as at present.



The church building is opening again!

Please wear a face covering to protect other people

from Sunday 19th July @11am
Morning Worship service

Sadly, to keep social distance, numbers are limited, so please
phone to book in advance 01803 311488

Please do not come into church if you are self-isolating, in the shielded group or looking after someone who is in that category

also open on Wednesdays 10am – 1230pm
for private prayer

Entrance through double glass doors on the 'front' of the church

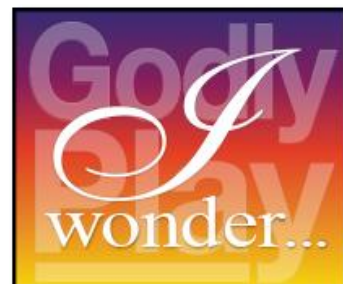
Our online worship continues as before, so you can join in there too!

News

Pere Snow is back at work part time so for any church queries please email Pere on pere.snow@st-matthias-church.org or ring the office on 01803 214175.

Sadly, with the lockdown measures, we have only just been made aware that Audrey Cook has died at a nursing home in Galmpton following a stay in hospital, and that a simple funeral took place in early May. Audrey has worshipped with St Matthias for many years, latterly living in Sundial Lodge. We are considering a short memorial service at St. Matthias next month.

PARENTS - DON'T FORGET.....The Second NEW Godly Play Lesson 'The Flood and The Ark' is NOW available on www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk or through St Matthias Church's website. Lessons last around 20 minutes. Also Lena, has put together activity packs which support children to explore each of our stories further. Just email lenafearnley@googlemail.com and you will receive one!



Anya Jones featuring St Matts Cats has released a new song JUST HOLD ON dedicated to all frontline and key workers. It is now available on iTunes and other stores: <https://ditto.fm/just-hold-on>

All profits will go to NHS.

The video is coming out on YouTube soon and the link will be added in next week's notice sheet.

Please help her fundraising campaign by sharing this and downloading the song. Thank you very much.



The Archbishop of York's Presidential address to General Synod which we showed a clip from today can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVJQDwND1k0>

Questions about life? and about the Christian faith?

We hope to begin an **Alpha Course** over the summer, face to face or online!

Alpha

Contact the Church Office if you'd like to find out more

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ALPHA?

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(Pere is back at work part time answering emails and phone calls.)

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