



Welcome!

Today, we're learning about Wisdom for Living
 Either in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

Sun 13 February	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) in church
	11am All Age Worship in church and livestreamed <i>followed by coffee outside weather permitting!</i> https://youtu.be/HpJxy4AP9Xk Activity sheet: The Beatitudes Activity Sheet

Our readings today are:

Psalm 1 <https://tinyurl.com/3yeec2hn>

Luke 17-26 <https://tinyurl.com/2p8j5s6p>

Collect Eternal God,
 whose Son went among the crowds
 and brought healing with his touch:
 help us to show his love,
 in your Church as we gather together,
 and by our lives as they are transformed
 into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks to:
 All the children's
 group leaders



Mon 14 Feb	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
Tues 15 Feb	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers in church
	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
	12-1.30pm Matts Knits in the Hall
	3.15-5.30pm Messy Church
Wed 16 Feb	9am Holy Communion (<i>Common Worship</i>) in church
	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers practice in church
Thurs 17 Feb	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
	7.30pm Begin Well (<i>ante-natal course</i> in church)

Fri 18 Feb	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	12-2pm Church open for visitors/prayer
Sun 20 Feb	8am Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer) in church</i>
	9.30am Zone Service <i>in church</i>
	11am Holy Communion <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>(on zoom)</i>

Readings for Today

Psalm 1 *(Good News Translation)*

- ¹ Blessed are those who reject the advice of evil people,
 who do not follow the example of sinners
 or join those who have no use for God.
- ² Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the LORD,
 and they study it day and night.
- ³ They are like trees that grow beside a stream,
 that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up.
 They succeed in everything they do.
- ⁴ But evil people are not like this at all;
 they are like straw that the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Sinners will be condemned by God
 and kept apart from God's own people.
- ⁶ The righteous are guided and protected by the LORD,
 but the evil are on the way to their doom.

Luke 6: 17-26

- ¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:
 "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.
 Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- ²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
 when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil,
 because of the Son of Man.
- ²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
 For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.
- ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.
- ²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.
 Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.
- ²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
 for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Ways to serve in the church

Weekday Lunchtimes We're looking for people to help to keep the church open at lunchtimes (12-2pm) during the week. If you would like to help (either one hour or two) please speak to Pere in the office on 214175. (Please see the note below on safeguarding.)

Coffee Makers We're looking for coffee makers to help to provide coffee after the 11am service on Sundays. Please contact Pere in the office on 214175

Platinum Jubilee weekend in June – please think and pray about how St Matthias can best serve the community for these celebrations – and in particular let us know if you would be able to be part of a planning group for this.



Minibus we are hoping to be able to start to offer lifts to church again when it is safe to do so...in order to do this we need to find a team of drivers. If you wish to find out more please contact Andrew Stilliard on 07729 362802. (Please see the note below on safeguarding.)

St Matthias is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. In order to keep everyone safe we have a 'safer recruitment' procedure that we ask all volunteers to follow and all appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks.

News and Events

Covid – sorry, no major changes...

While we are aware that the legal protective measures no longer apply, it still seems very unwise to abandon the measures we have been using up until now, for church services and in the Centre.

Indeed, the latest Government advice supports this: *"You should continue to follow safer behaviours to protect yourself and others..."*

So, please persevere in following the steps we have been using to protect one another:

- Wear a face covering, and please try to do a "Lateral Flow Test" before coming to church.
- Continue to use the hand sanitizing stations.
- And as before, please don't come to church if you feel unwell with any flu or cold symptoms. Thank you.

Girls Allowed (a forum for any women at St Matthias and their friends) will meet in church from 7:30 to 9pm on Thursday 24th Feb. Refreshments and discussion around "Give & Take": what do we give up or take up in Lent? Please email Ruth jrmp@btinternet.com to help us plan, please.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Diaries out please! LENT begins soon!

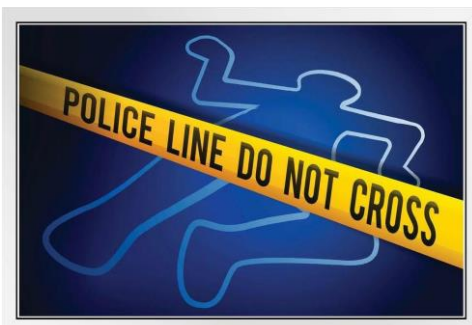
- **Ash Wednesday 2nd March –**
with an evening Communion @7pm
- **The Lent Course this year is**
‘Living in Love and Faith’

BOOK NOW for the Lent course...a 5 week course on Monday evenings from 7th March at 7.30pm, repeated on Wednesday mornings from 9th March at 10am. It is a course for EVERYONE in the church and intends to provide a safe space to listen to one another and to God to explore human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. These are really important subjects for the whole church to grapple with, but ones we find hard to talk about, so the Church of England has produced this course to encourage us to do that. The Staff Team here ran the course themselves in November and warmly commend it to everyone. To help us with the arrangements, **please book your space on Eventbrite here** <https://tinyurl.com/ypumc56v> or contact the office.

The Church of England has put together a wealth of material to look at here <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith> which you may want to dip into either before, during or after the course.

Pick up the new Spring Term guide today – inside you’ll find details about:

- The new service pattern from March with ‘Explore’ and ‘Explore at 4’
- What’s on in Lent
- Nicci Maxwell’s visit
- Messy Church – with one on Easter Saturday!
- Themes of our Sunday teaching and learning
- New church opening times



Messy Church...

Tuesday 15th February, 3.15-5.30pm in the Church. Come along and play detective as we discover who did help in the Parable of The Good Samaritan. Full of indoor fun, crafts, worship and also supper is included for all who attend!

Booking is essential and is already filling fast so do please call Lena on 295268 or email on stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun. Pray that the plan for the new services will serve to be beneficial in the life of the Church, and help people to feel more comfortable with this format and bring some people back after the pandemic.

Mon. The tensions over the borders of the Ukraine with Russia looking very menacing. Pray for peace and justice in the whole of that area. Pray too, for peace in the Middle East.

Tue. Bring before God all who suffer in any way, physically, socially or spiritually – especially from the effects of the covid pandemic. Remember all those working on the front line medically. Pray for our care homes suffering.

Wed. Pray for the Queen and family. The Platinum Jubilee weekend in June will involve huge celebrations. Our leadership is looking to form a planning group. Pray that they will have imagination, and all planning may glorify God and bring people together. God save the Queen.

Thu. Continue to pray for the critical situation in Afghanistan where there is unbelievable suffering through lack of food and finance. Pray for other countries around there and also where there are natural disasters.

Fri. Many of the activities put on by the church involve many who are not members of the church. Remember these groups – Open House, Begin Well, Mummy and Me, Youth Alpha, St. Matts Knits, Men's Breakfast, Pastoral Care, Messy Church and others. Pray for their leaders.

Sat. Pray for our young people and for a youth leader and for teachers in the Bay.

Sun. Please pray for the spiritual leaders of the church that they may know the Holy Spirit's infilling so that they can lead us deeper into Christ.

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A Three-Fold Hand Prayer to start each day

I hold up my hands as a symbol of surrender

Jesus, I surrender to your Lordship today

I surrender my preferences, my time,
my fears, finances, friends and family to you.

Hands Up
Surrender



I hold out my hands to receive all the good things you have for me.

The Father's love, your Holy Spirit, your grace, forgiveness,
your provision for me.

I also hold out my hands as a symbol that I am only a steward
of all that you have given me. I want to mirror your generosity
today and live an open handed life.

Hands Out
Generosity



I hold my hands forward as a symbol of mission.

I want to embrace and welcome your mission Lord,
to the lost, last, least and lonely – the poor, powerless, privileged
and persecuted.

Hands Forward
Mission

