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The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors and prayer

Sun 23 Nov Confirmation Service with Bishop Mike 	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with Bishop Mike</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Confirmation Service with Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> Live on YouTube https://tinyurl.com/4shs3k3j <i>Please note that as this service is livestreamed you may be seen on screen.</i> <i>If you do not wish to be filmed, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
Mon 24 Nov	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 25 Nov	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 26 Nov	9am Holy Communion
	9.30-12 Prayer focus for the Pastoral Vacancy <i>come for a part of the time or all of it</i>
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>Join us for soup, coffee, chat!</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Fri 28 Nov	9-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 30 Nov	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>with prayers for healing</i> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

Collect:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app
 meet on ZOOM using this link:

tinyurl.com/2t56wex5

You are welcome to join us!

The words we use can be found here,

with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f



Thanks go to



The wonderful people who sweep up the leaves outside the church building...

Readings

Colossians 1:9b-20

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the king of the Jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’

⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

⁴³ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

Dates for the diary

TODAY! 23rd November. PARKING for the Confirmation Service @ 11am

We will be hosting a number of visitors at the confirmation service and so it would be much appreciated if people could park on the road to leave the car park free for any with mobility issues who need to be closer to the church. Thank you.



Prayer Focus for the Pastoral Vacancy

Wednesday 26th November 9am – 12pm in the St. Francis Chapel

Come when you can; Go when you must.

As the selection Committee meet again soon we invite every one to pray for this hugely significant moment in the life of St Matthias.

We will start the Prayer Focus with the 9am communion service.

News

Update on recruitment of new rector

The advert is now live on the Diocesan website, The Church Times and the CPAS website. The interview dates have been set for 2nd/3rd February 2026.

Please continue to pray that God will be stirring the heart of his chosen person, for strength for Paul, Dallas and Claire as they carry extra burdens and for all of us, that God will help us to be strongly supportive of each other and outward looking so that we grow in our faith and as a Church in this period of waiting.

School news:

Helen will be leading this week's Open the Book assembly at Warberry on Wednesday and in the church for Ilsham on Thursday.

She will be telling the story of The Annunciation.

THANK YOU – for all who supported the **Friends' Christmas Market** and the **Tearfund Quiz** last weekend – they were both very succesful because you came!

Claire's last Sunday with us will be **December 7th**. There will be a special opportunity to say good bye and thank you to Claire and Al over tea in the hall that afternoon, **3.30-5pm**, after the Friends Christmas Lunch. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Claire there will be a collecting tin at the back of the church/hall.

Claire's licencing service in Okehampton is **Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7pm** at All Saints Church, Okehampton, with refreshments afterwards. She would love to see as many of the St Matthias family there as possible and all are welcome. If you are planning to go and are driving the good news is there is a large car park attached to the church!

Please do pop it in your diaries, a formal invite will be in the newsletter soon.

Latest newsletter from Nicci Maxwell –

click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/56pn3bnh> Or scan the QR code



Prayers for this week

- Mon** Pray for the teams from St. Matthias that are working in schools this week.
- Tues** The church in Nigeria has suffered several brutal terrorist attacks.
Pray that the church will remain loving – and also steadfast and resourceful.
- Wed** Today we have a special prayer focus on the pastoral vacancy, as we meet together 9-12noon. Pray that God's Holy Spirit guides and empowers us...so that this vacancy is filled by the person of God's choice.
- Thurs** Pray for Claire & Al Reynolds as they as they prepare for their new ministry in Okehampton.
- Fri** Our Youth Club meets today.
Pray for each of the families represented by these youngsters.
- Sat** Safeguarding is so important, in these days.
Pray for Sue Davies who leads this work.
- Sun** We have prayers for healing today.
Pray that those who need healing will come forward for prayer.



CONCERTS THIS AUTUMN at ST MATTS

8 Dec @ 7.30pm

Rock Choir

13 Dec @ 7.30pm

Big Noise Christmas Concert

See posters around building or concert websites for more information

How to increase donations by regular giving, or make one-off gifts, either to support our Youth & Children's Lead fund or general church funds (or both!)

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) donors:

- 1) Call **0333 002 1260** or log into your updated PGS online account.
- 2) Advise the new monthly amount and date it is to start.
- 3) Consider having monthly donations increased annually for inflation.
- 4) Advise a one-off payment, if applicable.

Direct bank standing orders or online bank transfers

- 1) Bank details: PCC St Matthias Church, 40-52-40 (CAF Bank), 00017933.
- 2) Set up your new/updated standing order or online bank payment.

VERY IMPORTANT – FOR EITHER WAY OF GIVING

Please email treasurer@st-matthias-church.org cc trudy@tgbookkeeping.co.uk with the following:-

- 1) Your name.
- 2) Confirm taxpayer or not a taxpayer.
- 3) The amount of the payment and whether it is monthly or one-off.
- 4) If your payment is for both general church funds and for the Youth and Children's Lead fund, how much for each.
- 5) Let us know the date of the new payment.

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