



## Welcome

Join us 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' home page

Sun 4 Dec	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/oCqYiqph_zU">https://youtu.be/oCqYiqph_zU</a>

### Thanks go to:



Everyone who works hard to keep the church building clean and tidy

**Collect** Almighty God,  
 purify our hearts and minds,  
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
 judge and saviour  
 we may be ready to receive him,  
 who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

### Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm

Mon 5 Dec	<b>7pm Girls Allowed</b> <i>in the church</i>
Tues 6 Dec	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 7 Dec	<b>9am Holy Communion</b> <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	<b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>12-5pm Warm Space in the church</b> – <i>hot soup, hot drinks &amp; chat</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 8 Dec	<b>4.30pm Warberry Nativity</b>
Fri 9 Dec	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club</b>
Sun 11 Dec	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>
	<b>5.30pm Encounter</b> <i>(informal worship)</i>

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 Please note that our services are often live-steamed

## Readings for Today

### Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;

from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might,

the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD –

<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,

or decide by what he hears with his ears;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy,

with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;

with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash round his waist.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together;

and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den,

and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious.

### Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."'

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist.

His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these

stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and

thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'



**NEXT STEPS** 

**SURVEY** Over 80 people did the survey to help us discern God's priorities for St. Matthias

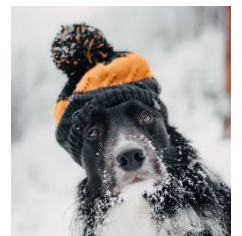
**Thank you!**

## *Dates for your diary!*

**TODAY! Friends of St Matthias Christmas lunch 4 December @ Headland Hotel** - for info contact Rob Newman on 07305 681522.

**TOMORROW! Girls Allowed Dec 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** Christmas recipe sharing evening in the church plus mulled wine and mince pies. Please phone Judi if you would like to come 01803 211947

**Warm space – continues on a Wednesday from 12-5pm** Everyone welcome! Save on heating! Lovely soup available... **Winter Fuel Allowance** Would anyone like to donate some or all of their fuel allowance to help those who are in need this winter? If you are in the PGS scheme, you can call them to change it for one payment by phoning: 03330 021260, or, if paying by BACS, the Church's account details are: Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No. 00017933 Please mark your payment 'Winter Fuel'. Thank you.



## *Other News*

**We bid a fond farewell** with our prayers to Helen Barbour who moves house this week, so thankful for her part in our church community over many years.

**Many thanks** to all who baked for, helped with or came to the Big Quiz Night. The evening raised £669 and Tear Fund's national total is £69,989!

**Christmas Wreaths – profits to the Church Missionary Society (Nicci Maxwell Uganda)** Available outside the church on Sunday 18th December at the 11am service. To order contact Lena on 01803 295268.

**Compassion** I will be selling the last few Christmas decoration craft kits in aid of Compassion before and after the 11am service this Sunday. They make ideal stocking fillers and any donation to Compassion would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Ali Buckley

