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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

FEBRUARY 2022



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Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

Sundays

10.15am	The Parish Mass (sung)
5.30pm	Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

First Sunday in the month

10.15am	All Age Mass for the Parish Family
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

*When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms)
Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong*

Second Sunday in the month

10.15am	Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is offered in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Congregational Evensong

Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
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Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm	Congregational Evensong
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Weekdays *(During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre)*

Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

Monday 7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am)
(Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)

Tuesday Currently suspended

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Thursday Currently suspended

Friday 12 noon Mass

Saturday Currently suspended

(Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by a Cell Meeting on the second Saturday of the month at 9.30am)

Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm

(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church and on website)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern.

All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

Worship Calendar for February

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	Feria	
2	CANDLEMAS – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
3	Feria	
4	Feria	
5	S Agatha, V and M	
6	THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Proper 1)	The Parish
7	Feria	The ministry of healing
8	Feria	
9	Feria	
10	S Scholastica, V	
11	Feria	
12	Of OLW	The Shrine and Society
13	THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Proper 2)	The Parish
14	S Cyril, Monk and S Methodius, B	
15	Feria	
16	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
17	Feria	
18	Feria	
19	Of the BVM	
20	THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	The Parish
21	Feria	
22	Feria	
23	S Polycarp, B and M	
24	Feria	
25	Feria	
26	Of the BVM	
27	THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	The Parish
28	Feria	

NB **Bold** denotes weekdays on which the eucharist will be celebrated

*The Church prays for the community daily.
Please include these topics in your daily prayers.*

February's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

Hidden hopes

Do you like to make New Year's resolutions? Do you make them, then break them? Perhaps you avoid them, because you don't want to feel disappointed.

In January the earth lies dormant. We rely on hope in January, then on into February, to see us through – before we start tapping our feet, impatient for spring. We scour the ground for the first shoots from bulbs we planted last year. Sometimes winter feels so long.

Yet under the earth these packets of potential lie waiting, and the bare branches of the trees will not be always be bare. They may look dead against a wintry sky but we know they live. They are merely sleeping.

There are times when all we can do is nurture hope. When circumstance confines us, when the answer is 'not yet', or 'later'. When we have to put ourselves on hold, and spend our time yearning for new life – for growth and for change.

I've begun to think about New Year hopes rather than resolutions. I'm sure we are all hoping for a better year ahead. What are my secret dreams, which I would like to bud and one day bear fruit? What have I forgotten which I need to unearth, and how can I begin that task?

Springing into action in the middle of winter is not something I'm very good at. But perhaps we can use these times of dormancy to think about what we'd like to do – or who we would like to become. Because sometimes we can feel cold, or weak, or in need of a bit of rest.

We could use this as a picture for prayer – what are the packets of potential in our lives, hidden right now but longing to burst forth, when the time is right? What does God want us to nurture, to ponder in the dark before the dawn? Where might we need to recharge and renew ourselves? Rather than resolving to do more, maybe we should in certain respects resolve to do less, to make room for something new.

*O God, you know our hidden hopes and our forgotten dreams.
Restore them to us; release their potential, as we look beyond winter towards
spring. Amen.*

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

Fr. Nicholas

Changing the Landscape

As we reach Candlemas on 2 February we finally wave a fond farewell to Christmas and Epiphany and all that goes with the great season of celebration. At this point, Jesus begins to move from childhood to adulthood and the bulk of the gospels to do with his life and death and resurrection unfold through the following pages. After Candlemas Jesus finds his voice. We have so much to look forward to at this time of the church's year. The lectionary between Candlemas and Good Friday and then Easter through to Pentecost and beyond speaks of the Jesus who changes the landscape of our lives. Indeed, he changes the landscape of history.



A less significant 'February event' happened on 6 February 1783. Lancelot Brown died. Who? Lancelot Brown? He was a gardener. A gardener? He was England's greatest landscape gardener. Really? But we remember him by another name. We call him Capability Brown. Ah yes. If you walk through Burghley Park in Stamford, you see the handiwork of Capability Brown. Or if you want to travel further, try Blenheim Palace or Stowe or Chatsworth. In these grand surroundings you will see the work of the great Capability Brown. He was called 'Capability' because of his habit of describing the great 'capabilities' of his clients' landscapes. On a website dedicated to him, it says this:

Lancelot 'Capability' Brown changed the face of eighteenth century England, designing country estates and mansions, moving hills and making flowing lakes and serpentine rivers, a magical world of green.

He moved hills and made flowing lakes. He changed the landscape.

Jesus, through his death on the cross and his resurrection from the tomb, changes the landscape of our existence. We no longer drag the accusing weight of the past behind us. We are forgiven by his grace and given hope and a future. Jesus looks at your life and sees great capabilities. It may be February and we may be surrounded by a pandemic – but that is great news.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ormston." Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Richard Ormston
Archdeacon of Northampton

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Tracking down Saint Valentine

Until somebody hit on the happy idea of inventing a 'National Marriage Week' to coincide with St Valentine's Day each year, the one place where Valentine hardly got a mention was in church. In the Roman calendar, 14 February is the day to remember two saints, St Cyril and St Methodius. At least in the Church of England calendar, St Valentine gets a small listing, in the Book of Common Prayer calendar, but nothing to correspond to the scope of the commemorations elsewhere, in card shops, florists, and restaurants.



The reason that saints are cleared out of the calendar is usually because, thanks to more rigorous historical scholarship, the church authorities conclude that the character never existed, or at least that the stories attached to the saint are too dubious. In Valentine's case, the problem is exactly the opposite: too many Valentines existed.

Research into St Valentine opens the door on an extraordinarily confusing approach to martyrdom and saintliness, biography and record keeping. First, the definition of a saint was established during the Roman persecution as somebody who had been killed for their faith. (Later, a life of holiness, sacrifice, or virginity were regarded as equivalent to martyrdom.) Martyrs' bones tended to be buried beneath the altar of a church with which they had an association, and the anniversary of their death was observed from then on. Miracles came to be associated with these burial places, and cults grew up in which large numbers of pilgrims flocked to the sites this favoured. Thomas Becket and Canterbury is an obvious example.

Writers at the time were never very strict about historical accuracy, and besides, the pilgrim trade was very profitable. It didn't hurt a church's finances to have a holy (and powerful) man or woman buried under your altar, and so layer upon layer of embellishment was wrapped around the often very straightforward origins of the saints. In addition, the trade in relics was huge, and so saints and bits of saints were routinely moved around Europe, bequeathed to brother bishops and abbots.

Valentine was first mentioned in a list of saints and their feast-days approved by Pope Gelasius I, and even then, nothing was known about his life, apart from his death, on 14 February 269, and his burial place, on the Flaminian Way. He was among those 'whose names are justly revered among men, but whose acts are known only to God'.

But there were other St Valentines, all of them as obscure as the first: Valentine, a bishop and martyr, whose body is preserved at Baga and whose head is at Toro; Valentine, whose body was preserved at Annecy; Valentine, whose body was extracted from a Roman cemetery and given to a Spanish monastery by Pope Urban VIII; another, extracted from the Roman catacombs, and given to Count Louis Egmont in 1623, by Pope Gregory XV; and so on. There was a Bishop of Terni, a fifth-century priest, and an eighth-century Spanish hermit.

None of this had anything to do with romantic love. This idea grew up in England, and was certainly established by the time of Chaucer around 1400. There are supposed links with the Roman pagan festival of Lupercalia; also a legend that 14 February is when birds mate. But the fact is – and facts are hard to come by in this field – that none of the real St Valentines was associated with romance until more than 1000 years after they lived.

One example, close to home, of how long it takes for a myth to build up is the story of St Amphibalus, a character in the Alban story. Alban was a pagan Briton living in Verulamium, who gave shelter to a Christian priest during a period of Roman persecution at about AD 300. When Roman soldiers appeared, Alban took the priest's cloak and pretended to be the priest. He was executed when he refused to renounce Christ, and a shrine was established to commemorate the place of his burial.

We are fortunate in having a very early reference to Alban: two bishops visited Britain from Gaul in 429, and visited 'the tomb of the blessed martyr Alban'. This reference is in a life of one of the bishops, written just after 470, so 170 years after the event (like us writing authoritatively about the wedding of Queen Victoria in 1840) – but this is still pretty contemporaneous compared with other saints' lives.

But the priest who was helped by Alban was never named. It was not until Geoffrey of Monmouth wrote his fanciful History of Britain in 1135, that this omission was rectified. The Latin word for cloak, used in the earliest accounts, was *caracalla*. But this was the name by which one of the most bloodthirsty Roman emperors, Lucius Septimius Bassianus, was known, so Geoffrey used the Greek word for cloak, *amphibolon*. Hence, more than eight centuries after the event, St Amphibalus was finally named.



The Parish Church of St Matthew

Wednesday 2 February

CANDLEMAS

**The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple**

7.30pm The Parish Mass



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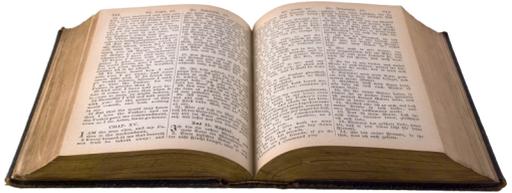
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Weekday Scripture Readings for February

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



Tuesday	1 st	1 Samuel 1.19b-end	Hebrews 4.11-end
Wednesday	2 nd	Haggai 2.1-9	John 2.18-22
Thursday	3 rd	Isaiah 52.1-12	Matthew 10.1-15
Friday	4 th	Isaiah 56.1-8	Matthew 28.16-end
Saturday	5 th	Habakkuk 2.1-4	Revelation 14.1-7
Monday	7 th	Genesis 1.26-end	Mark 10.1-16
Tuesday	8 th	Ruth 1.1-18 1	John 3.14-end
Wednesday	9 th	1 Samuel 1.19b-end	Luke 2.41-end
Thursday	10 th	Genesis 47.1-12	Ephesians 3.14-end
Friday	11 th	2 Samuel 1.17-end	Romans 8.28-end
Saturday	12 th	Song of Solomon 2.8-end	1 Corinthians 13
Monday	14 th	Exodus 23.1-13	James 2.1-13
Tuesday	15 th	Deuteronomy 10.12-end	Hebrews 13.1-16
Wednesday	16 th	Isaiah 58.6-end	Matthew 25.31-end
Thursday	17 th	Isaiah 42.1-9	Luke 4.14-21
Friday	18 th	Amos 5.6-15	Ephesians 4.25-end
Saturday	19 th	Amos 5.18-24	John 2.13-22
Monday	21 st	Isaiah 61.1-9	Mark 6.1-13
Tuesday	22 nd	Isaiah 52.1-10	Romans 10.5-21
Wednesday	23 rd	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.6	Romans 15.14-21
Thursday	24 th	Isaiah 53.4-12	2 Corinthians 4.1-10
Friday	25 th	Zechariah 8.16-end	Matthew 10.1-15
Saturday	26 th	Jeremiah 1.4-10	Matthew 10.16-22
Monday	28 th	2 Kings 2.13-22	3 John

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...

Sandra Rivett

It had been a busy month. The three children, Luca 10 years and 7 months, Micah 7 years 11-and-a-half months, and little Mateo 2 years and 11 months, were having some lunch together, with their good friend Sandra 50+. It was less than a week to go before Christmas and the three children were feeling excited. Sandra was excited too but with a bit less energy than the children. The tree was up, the cards had been made, plenty of glitter and glue had been used. Paperchains were everywhere. They had even made Christingles. Christmas films had been watched.

"Can we go to the park this afternoon please?" asked Micah. Luca looked hopeful and Mateo stopped eating for a couple of seconds to grin and shout "Ducks, ducks, ducks!" Sandra said, "Yes let's, that's a jolly good idea. I know just what we can do at the park this afternoon." "Will we need wellies?" asked Micah, "Can we go to the woods and play in the stream?" "Can we go on the play equipment?" asked Luca. "Can I take my bike?" asked Micah. "Ducks, ducks, ducks!" yelled Mateo. Sandra smiled and said, "No wellies, maybe a quick play, no bikes, maybe ducks. We are going to go to the Church in the park to see what is happening in the churchyard." "Oh, can we tie more ribbons on trees?" asked Luca, keen to practice his knot-tying skills. "We will see" said Sandra, as she mopped up round Mateo. "Let's clean up here and get ready. See you by the front door in ten minutes ready to go."

Twenty minutes later, three children and one lady and the trusty buggy with water bottles, nappy bag and reins (but no boots and no spare clothes – that was a mistake) were by the front door. There was a short debate about what route to take. Luca won the round of Rock Paper Scissors (the only way to settle a debate if you are under the age of 20).

We went down the Headlands. Mateo insisted on walking, so on went the reins. Micah pushed the buggy and Luca held the reins. At the park Sandra took the buggy, the reins were removed from Mateo and the children raced down the hill.

The sun was shining, it was very pleasant. They passed the woodland area and approached the pond; this was always a bit dicey. They passed the pond successfully; the next obstacle was the water steps. Micah was already leaping about in the puddles boasting about how waterproof his shoes were. Sandra tried to point out that they would only be waterproof as long as the water didn't go over the top. Sandra decided that it might be a good idea to skirt round the play equipment and nip across the grass on the other side of the hedge, to get to the church a bit quicker.

This was not a wise move, because the grass was rather waterlogged and had some hidden puddles. Luca was pushing the buggy and Micah was still marvelling over the amazing waterproofness of his shoes, when disaster struck. The water went over the top of his shoes, he made a strange sound and was looking rather sad when there was a shriek of delight quickly followed by a cry of dismay as Mateo, seizing his chance of a slightly distracted Sandra, had jumped into a particularly large puddle.

Luca howled with laughter, until Sandra suggested he give Micah his dry socks. Mateo was standing in his big puddle looking most cross, he stamped about a bit shouting, “Wellies, wellies, wellies.” Sandra whipped him out. He was most unimpressed when she explained that they had no wellies and he would now have to have his socks and shoes removed and would have to sit in the buggy. He did think it very funny when Sandra used her scarf to wrap up his little feet. Finding a bench to sit on, they inspected the wetness of Micah’s feet, and as it wasn’t too bad, they decided to continue in their quest. The churchyard was in sight, and they managed to get there before any more disasters struck.

The churchyard was festooned in brightly coloured ribbons. The two very useful boxes were there, one containing lengths of ribbon in all the colours of the rainbow, and a smaller box for the little plastic bags. But Sandra and the children were more interested in the other really useful box that had appeared. This box contained instructions, worksheets and pencils. So the deal was, you had to find eleven lambs, each lamb had a name and a number, and when arranged in numerical order the first letters of each lamb made a short statement. Twenty minutes of racing around... Mateo had to be carried because his shoes and socks were in the basket under the buggy, very muddy. The boys found all the names. Micah was quick off the mark and shouted “God loves you!” “Well”, thought Sandra “that’s nice.” Then Luca yelled, “Yes, that’s right, God loves you.” “Oh!” said Sandra “you’ve worked it out, lovely, well done.”



Then proud and pink-cheeked, the children posed for photos by the Nativity scene. “Ok” smiled Sandra, noticing the chill in the air and thinking it might be wise to think about heading home, “Who would like a very special treat; how about some hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream at the café?” With shouts of joy the children returned their pencils to the very useful box, stuffed their paperwork into the changing bag hanging from the buggy and raced off in the direction of the café in the park. Sandra popped Mateo back in the buggy, wrapped her scarf around his feet and followed Luca and Micah. Mateo was shouting “Lambs, lambs, wellies, ducks, doggie, bye, bye!”

Three hot chocolates with marshmallows and cream were ordered and a mini one for Mateo. They found a booth to sit in, the café was decorated, Christmas music was playing, and the three children and Sandra had contented smiles. We will leave the three children Luca, Micah, Mateo and their good friend Sandra sitting in the café with mugs of hot chocolate, marshmallows and cream. Enjoying a Christmas treat after another lovely afternoon in the park.

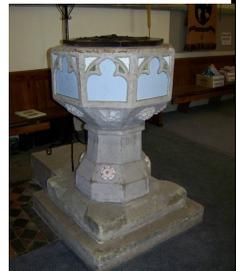


Baptisms and Weddings



Initial Enquiries Evenings

for Baptisms and Weddings
take place at the Parish
Centre on the first
Wednesday of the month
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*Our team is there to help you and
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Caption Competition result

You responded well! Fr Nicholas has picked the winner, and says:

After much 'prayerful' reflection, I think the palm goes to *Jonathan Starmer* for his pithy:

'Aspiring to recreate the cistern chapel'

Runner up is *Sally Hunt* for the 1 Samuel 20:25 quote:

'The king sat upon his seat, as at other times, upon the seat by the wall; Jonathan sat opposite, and Abner by Saul's side, but David's place was empty'

Best of the rest are:

'St Matthew's put on a pedestal?' *Jonathan Starmer*

'Social distancing arrangements had been taken too far' *Jonathan Starmer*

'For the lav of God' *Nick Bailey*

'A-loo, a-loo, a-loo, what's going on here then? I shall have to arrest you for Loitering Within Tent [of the Tabernacle]' *Dorrie Parker*

A total of £59.00 was donated in entry fees, £54.00 of which we can claim gift aid on, which totals £72.50 when gift aid has been claimed. An excellent result!

Stand by for more Caption Competitions to come...



**Aspiring to recreate
the cistern chapel**

32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Unit

Mandy Ludlow

February is always a difficult month to write the Parish Magazine article, as since before Christmas we have only met once and after all the activities at the end of the year, there is not a lot to write about.

At the beginning of January Covid cases were increasing and all were waiting to see what announcements would be made by the Government; would we be going back to meeting face to face or would we be back on zoom? The days ticked by and it was only a couple of days before our return we made the decision that we would go back meeting face to face, albeit with increased measures. All those of Guide age and above were asked to do a lateral flow test and show a negative result before they could attend and, as previously, mask wearing and hand sanitising would stay in place. Who would have thought some two years ago we would actually have a PPE station and all the girls have their own baskets with rubbish bags, tissues and sanitiser in, but like everything else we have adapted and changed the way we do things. We continue to have both girls and leaders testing positive each week. For those that were at the All Age in January you will have noticed an absence of girls – this was because, having revisited our risk assessments and, knowing that a number of the congregation are either elderly or vulnerable, took the decision not to ask the children to attend; the leaders were there, and Café Guides continued with the now take-away service.

Over the coming weeks we are going to be looking at First Aid and have a lot of activities associated with this for the Rainbows and Brownies. Guides are continuing to work towards their Bronze award as we have a couple of girls who are so close to finishing it. The Rangers will be working with our Young Leader, Ellie, soon to be a Leader in Training. Some of those reading this will remember Ellie as a baby, she is the Granddaughter of Trevor and Margaret Thomas.

During the latter months of 2021 there were many changes within Girlguiding Northamptonshire, all related to boundary changes. As a result of this I am now to become Assistant Division Commissioner for Northampton Nene; I will continue as District Commissioner for Weston as well as looking after my units at St Matthew's.



Café Guides Recipe for February

February is the time we all want something warm and homely for lunch or supper; it's also the time when a lot of people are watching the pennies or even their waistline! This recipe is from the 1940s and one I make often at this time of the year and despite its ingredients is delicious.

Sufficient for 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 2oz rolled oats
- 1 oz margarine
- 2 pints of water
- 3 potatoes – peeled and diced
- 4 carrots – peeled and chopped
- Half a small swede – peeled and chopped
- 1 leek – sliced thinly
- Seasoning
- Chopped parsley

Method:

- Melt the margarine and add the oats, fry for a minute or two
- Blend with a little of the water, then add the rest of the water
- Add all the chopped vegetables, seasoning to taste and bring to the boil
- Simmer slowly for about an hour with the lid on
- Just before serving add the chopped parsley

For variation you could use two carrots and a small parsnip instead. Additionally, a stock cube could be added for extra flavour.

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Please leave paper contributions in the 'P' (for 'Parker') pigeon hole in church or email files to: magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

When attaching photographs to the email address please send no more than 7mb -worth per email, otherwise it jams the system! Thank you.

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St Matthew's Ladies Group

Please note the meetings are now on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the Parish Centre, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Meetings in February

14 February Red wrapped gifts (£1 per gift) and Quiz

28 February Speaker: Rob Kendall – *The Masque Theatre*

The full Spring/Summer programme is on our website: Click on 'Community & Events', then 'St Matthew's Ladies Group' in the right-hand column.



Our little band meet in the Parish Centre Garden Room on the first Monday of the month. As it's winter and gets dark early we now meet at **12.45pm** for refreshments with a prompt start at **1.00pm**, finishing the afternoon at **3.00pm**.

We follow all covid guidelines to make it a safe environment, so why not join us?

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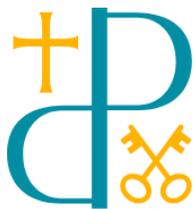
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The Diocese of Peterborough

Appointment of Bishop's Chaplain

The **Revd Canon Steve Benoy**, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Director of Vocation and Formation, has been appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of Peterborough and Canon Missioner at Peterborough Cathedral.

He will step down as Director of Vocation and Formation on 17 February 2022, when he will be licensed as Bishop's Chaplain by Donald, Bishop of Peterborough. He will continue as DDO until 1 May 2022, when he will be collated and installed as Canon Missioner and a residentiary canon of the Cathedral by Donald, Bishop of Peterborough, during Evensong at 3.30pm.

We welcome people to new roles in the Diocese.

The **Revd Paul Frost**, the **Revd Dr James Saunders** and the **Revd Paula York** have been appointed honorary Canons of Peterborough Cathedral. This is in addition to their current roles and responsibilities. Their contact details remain unchanged.

They will be installed in the Cathedral on 3 November 2022.

The **Revd Jo Saunders** has been appointed Bishop's Vicar for Church Schools in the Oakham Archdeaconry. This is in addition to her current role, and her contact details remain unchanged.

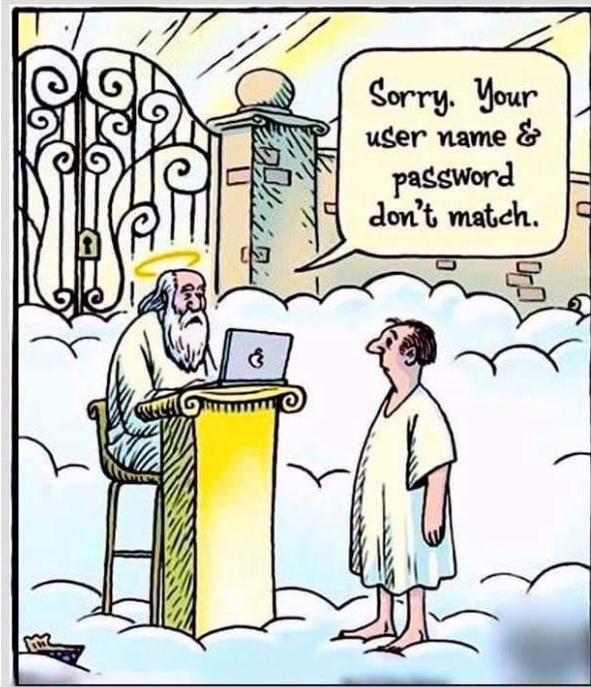
She will be licensed by +Donald, Bishop of Peterborough, on 16 December 2021.

The **Revd Nick Alexander**, Associate Vicar of Moulton, has been appointed Vicar of Moulton.

He will be instituted by +John, Bishop of Brixworth, on 6 February 2022.

And wish farewell to those leaving for pastures new.

The **Revd Richard Coles**, Vicar of Finedon, is to retire on 25 April 2022.



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Friends of St Matthew's Music 100+ Club

Congratulations to the lucky winner of £50 in our JANUARY draw —

Number **4**, held by **Olive Stirling**

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You too could win the **single prize of £50** in our monthly draw if you had a number! For just £3.00 a month you'd be in with a chance, whilst also helping pay for our Director of Music's salary.

For full details and a form, please email jonathan.starmer@yahoo.com

Jonathan Starmer



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In Girlguiding we support girls to learn new skills, have incredible

adventures, make friends and speak out about the issues they care about. We hope to empower and inspire even more girls and young women.

So why not join us!

More details:
email: 32stmatthews@gmail.com
or register at: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> **look for 32ND ST MATTHEW'S, spaces for all girls, no waiting list.**

Annual advertising costs

for *St Matthew's Mail*



A5	Full page	£100.00 per annum
A6	Half page	£60.00 per annum
A7	Quarter page	£40.00 per annum
A8	Eighth of a page	£25.00 per annum

Spaces are available – please contact

Anita, Parish Administrator, at the Parish Office

We can recycle...

Used **postage stamps** from your envelopes

Your redundant **spectacles** (not the cases though)

*There are receptacles in the bookstall area in
which to put them*

Thank you!



Floodlighting of the Church

If you would like to celebrate an anniversary or remember a loved one, St Matthew's can offer you the option of having the church floodlit at night.

The church would be floodlit all night, timed from dusk till dawn, at a cost of £20.00 per night. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.



st Matthew's



St Matthew's Parish Centre
27 The Drive, Kingsley, Northampton NN1 4RY

Thursdays in term time
from 9.45am to 11.30am

- * Baby only area with sensory toys
- * Toys for Pre-School children to play in a safe environment, including craft and free play
- * For Parents/Grandparents/Carers to have a chat and meet new friends



Adult £1 * Child 50p

Hot drinks included

Booking is required to avoid disappointment

Contact the Parish Office on 01604 791251
or email minis@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

www.stmatthews-northampton.org.uk



Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme exists to allow members of the St Matthew's community to support the life and work of the Parish, and the upkeep of our church, through regular giving. It provides our principal source of income and helps us meet our main financial commitments, including our contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund (the 'Parish Share') and the costs of our employees.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
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The Scheme is the most tax efficient way of contributing to the church because contributions may be eligible for Gift Aid (raising your donation by 25% at no cost to either you or St Matthew's).

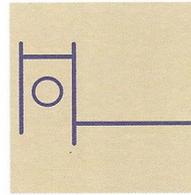
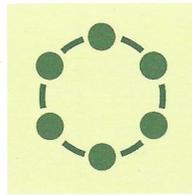
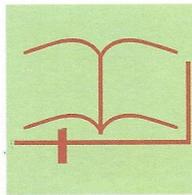
There are two methods of payment available: by a banker's direct debit or by weekly-numbered envelopes via the collection plate. The amount that you give is entirely confidential and is known only to the lay people who administer the Scheme.

If you are interested in learning more or in joining the Scheme, please speak to our Stewardship Recorder Polly Matthews. She can be contacted via the Parish Office or as below.

Polly Matthews

<office@stmathews-northampton.org.uk>

Tel. 01604 846074



PARISHGIVINGScheme

Parish Office

27A The Drive, Kingsley, Northampton NN1 4RY (*within the Parish Centre*)

Telephone: 01604 791251 Email: office@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Anita Speake Office opening hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 9.30am till 12.30pm, 1.00pm till 4.00pm; Wednesdays CLOSED

Ministry Team

Parish Priest	The Revd Canon Nicholas Setterfield vicar@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk
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Honorary Assistant Priest	The Revd Canon Peter Garlick

Parish Officers

Churchwarden	Gary Drinkwater churchwarden@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk
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PCC Treasurer	Donald Cran treasurer@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

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Parish Organist	Jonathan Starmer
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Parish website

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