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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

AUGUST 2025



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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 9.30am Mass

Friday 12 noon Mass

Saturday 9.30am Mass

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

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 August

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	Feria	Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees
2	Of the BVM	Family safety during the summer holidays
3	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	(Proper 13) Our parish
4	S John Mary Vianney, Pr	The healing ministry
5	Feria	Our fidelity to scripture
6	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Allowing Christ to change us
7	Feria	Greater financial support for the ministry of the parish
8	S Dominic, Pr	For those who preach
9	S Teresa Benedicta, V, M, Patron of Europe	Those of Jewish heritage
10	THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	(Proper 14) Our parish
11	S Clare of Assisi, V	Those living in poverty
12	Feria	The recently ordained and training incumbents
13	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
14	S Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M	A free and responsible press
15	ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	Our hope of heaven
16	Of the BVM	For relationships that endure
17	THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	(Proper 15) Our parish
18	Feria	Access to clean water and our usage
19	Feria	Greater devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament
20	S Bernard Ab, Dr	For the growth of Junior Church
21	Feria	Our ministry to care and nursing homes
22	Feria	Preparations for the Choir Tour to Llandaff
23	Of the BVM	Those with special educational needs
24	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE	Thanksgiving for our inheritance of faith
25	Feria	The Crown Appointments Commission
26	Feria	Improvement work in our parish centre
27	S Monica	Perseverance in our prayers
28	S Augustine B, Dr	Temptation and the pleasures the flesh
29	The Beheading of S John the Baptist	Those on Death Row
30	Of the BVM	Those unable to have children
31	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	(Proper 17) Our parish

The Church prays for the community daily.

Please include these topics in your daily prayers.

August Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

Faith in the heart of summer

As the height of summer surrounds us, August offers many blessings – a season of rest and refreshment for some, a time of adventure and exploration for others. Whether we are travelling or staying close to home, we give thanks for these weeks of pause and possibility. We pray especially for the safety of our young people during the holidays, asking God to keep them from harm and to grant them joy and discovery in their freedom.

For many, August is also a month of quiet anticipation. Examination results are due, and for students and their families alike, it can be a time of hope, concern, and reflection. Let us keep them in our prayers: that they may be proud of their efforts, supported in any disappointments, and confident in the knowledge that God's plan for each of them is rich with purpose and possibility.

This month also gives us the opportunity to deepen our faith through the celebration of three significant feast-days – each offering a different lens through which we can glimpse the glory of God.

On 6 August, we mark the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This moment, when Jesus is revealed in radiant glory before Peter, James, and John on the mountaintop, reminds us that behind the ordinary appearances of our world, there is always the possibility of divine light breaking through. In times of doubt or difficulty, the Transfiguration reassures us that Christ is both fully human and fully divine, and that God's glory can be seen even in the most unexpected moments of our lives.

On 15 August, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this feast, we honour Mary's faithfulness and her unique place in salvation history. Her Assumption is a sign of hope for all Christians, pointing to the promise of eternal life and the dignity of the human body. As one who bore Christ into the world, Mary shows us what it means to say a wholehearted "yes" to God – and she continues to pray for us as we strive to do the same.

Then, on 24 August, we remember St Bartholomew, one of the lesser-known apostles, yet a faithful and courageous follower of Jesus. Tradition tells us that he carried the Gospel to distant lands, and his quiet perseverance encourages us to witness to our faith not always through great acts, but through steady, faithful presence in the world.

In the spirit of this faithful witness, we look forward with great joy to the final week of August, when our parish choir will be in residence at Llandaff Cathedral. This is both a great honour and a wonderful responsibility, as they

lead worship in one of Wales' most historic and beautiful sacred spaces. When they sing in that ancient cathedral, they do so not just as musicians, but as representatives of our whole parish – bringing with them the prayer, tradition, and voice of our community.

Their ministry through music is a powerful way of proclaiming the Gospel – lifting hearts, shaping worship, and bearing witness to the beauty of holiness. If you are able to attend any of the services in Llandaff that week, please do go and support them. Your presence will affirm both their hard work and the importance of music in our life of faith.

As always, our regular pattern of services continues throughout August, and we are grateful for the locum clergy who will be ministering among us during this time. Their presence ensures that our worship remains constant, our fellowship unbroken.

So let us enter August with thankful hearts – resting, reflecting, and rejoicing. May we see God's light in the world around us, and may we, like Mary, Bartholomew, and all the saints, say "yes" once more to the call of Christ.

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

F. Nicholas

The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 24 August

**S BARTHOLOMEW,
Apostle**

10.15am

The Parish Mass



Seeing things differently

August is a month that brings us 'the summer'... now I don't know about you but I often find myself wondering what that will mean, will it be full on heat of summer, torrential rain, cloudy cool days or all of the above!

We will simply have to wait and see and whatever faces us we will no doubt adapt whatever we are doing to fit the situation as best we can.

This sense of the need to adapt and see things differently brings to mind Bartholomew, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, mentioned in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's gospel never mentions Bartholomew but does mention Nathanael (the others don't) so many think that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person.

I love Nathanael's first encounter with Jesus. Philip comes and tells him about Jesus of Nazareth to which Nathanael replies 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' It's a slightly grumpy response; maybe like those hoping for a lovely summer holiday weather in August, he's been let down a few times before.

Still, what happens next is a story of being completely turned around. Jesus tells Nathanael that he saw him under the fig tree before Philip called him. Nathanael is so surprised by this he changes from sceptic to believer, and even more than Philip had said. Nathanael says to Jesus "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel."

There are many times when we are sceptical or doubt, but when we meet Jesus for ourselves our outlook can be transformed, when we realise we are known and loved by Jesus it changes everything.

Come rain or shine this August I pray you find some time to meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible, in the family of the church, in a quiet place (like Nathanael's fig tree) where you are seen and loved.



The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham



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Weekday Scripture Readings for August

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.



Friday	1	Job 42.1-6	John 3.1-15
Saturday	2	Ecclesiastes 9.1-11	Hebrews 1.1-9
Monday	4	Numbers 23.1-12	1 Corinthians 1.10-17
Tuesday	5	Proverbs 12.1-12	Galatians 3.1-14
Wednesday	6	Exodus 34.29-end	2 Corinthians 3
Thursday	7	Hosea 14	John 15.1-17
Friday	8	2 Samuel 18.18-end	Matthew 27.57-66
Saturday	9	Isaiah 55.1-7	Mark 16.1-8
Monday	11	Joel 3.16-21	Mark 4.21-34
Tuesday	12	Proverbs 12.13-end	John 1.43-51
Wednesday	13	Isaiah 55.8-end	2 Timothy 2.8-19
Thursday	14	Isaiah 38.1-8	Mark 5.21-43
Friday	15	Song of Solomon 2.1-7	Acts 1.6-14
Saturday	16	Ecclesiastes 5.10-19	1 Timothy 6.6-16
Monday	18	Joshua 1.1-9	1 Corinthians 9.19-end
Tuesday	19	Proverbs 15.1-11	Galatians 2.15-end
Wednesday	20	Isaiah 49.1-7	1 John 1
Thursday	21	Proverbs 27.1-12	John 15.12-27
Friday	22	Isaiah 59.8-end	Mark 15.6-20
Saturday	23	Isaiah 61.1-9	2 Corinthians 6.1-10
Monday	25	Judges 13.1-23	Luke 10.38-42
Tuesday	26	Proverbs 15.15-end	Matthew 15.21-28
Wednesday	27	Isaiah 45.1-7	Ephesians 4.1-16
Thursday	28	Jeremiah 16.1-15	Luke 12.35-48
Friday	29	Jeremiah 18.1-11	Hebrews 1.1-9
Saturday	30	Jeremiah 26.1-19	Ephesians 3.1-13

Great Fete – Saturday 5 July

Denise and Nick Bailey

The sun shone, the vicar got soaked in the stocks, and we raised £4,254.98.

That's a new record for takings at St Matthew's Church summer fete.

Gates were officially opened at 1pm by the ever-joyful grinch Bryan Wallis. But people had already started queuing up to 30 minutes beforehand to enjoy one of Bryan's witty insults, before surging towards our massive bric-a-brac stall for an early bargain.

Scout leader Stuart Batty re-introduced our historic coconut shy and brought gales of laughter and merriment with his crockery smashing stall.

A new hook-a-duck water game proved a huge hit with toddlers, along with our fun kiddies' Noah's Trail inside the church.

The £100 cash first prize saw frenzied raffle ticket buying throughout the afternoon.

The SLT Academy of Irish Dance put on a magical display of reels and jigs, while the Raggle Taggle folk trio returned with two sets of popular songs. DJ Dave 'Strongbow' Strong kept the hits flowing throughout.

The Northampton and District Model Railway Club attracted scores with their displays.

Our beer tent and barbecue both sold out while the cake stall ladies were inundated. Likewise, the Café Guides Vintage Tea room was rammed.

There were plenty of stalls and games to keep everybody who came entertained throughout the afternoon.

Strongman trainer Danny was overjoyed with the response to his weightlifting challenge.

BB's bouncy castle provided a Paw Patrol castle which was popular with the little 'uns. And our plant stall did a roaring trade.

The Community Police brought along a patrol car, their sirens competing with the joyful jingles from Mario's Ice Cream van.

A special mention must go to Philip Bricher who performed two organ recitals for those inside the church.

This was another splendid community event which brought the people of Kingsley flocking to our church and grounds. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.



(More photos can be found on the website as shown on the front cover and under the Menu go to News & Events)

The Fete – Noah’s Ark Trail

Christine Moreton

Janet Hanna and I enjoyed being on duty in church supervising the Noah’s Trail. We rapidly developed a routine with Janet organising the giving of worksheets to the children whilst I showed them – and their parents – where the first one was and then directing them round the church. I thought that the children were extremely clever in finding the ten animals, for which they received a sticker and some sweets. I had a quick hunt before they arrived and could only find five, two of which were wrong. So I didn’t get a sticker or any sweeties.

Of course, there was one man who said that he had been baptised here, another was married here twenty years ago and a third whose parents and grandparents had worshipped here. Why they were pleased to tell us this I don’t know as none of them had been in church since and didn’t intend to come.

Quite a number of people came to hear the organ recital, a lot of whom knew Philip Bricher. Others just came to look round and it was nice to talk to them, directing them to the *Madonna and Child*, the statue of St Matthew and the Sutherland *Crucifixion*.

At the end of the afternoon we counted that sixty children had followed the trail. It was a bit chaotic at times. Two young mums had come in with six energetic children, followed immediately by another couple with two children. So it was a bit lively for a few minutes.

We enjoyed the afternoon and I’m sure that the children did too, especially receiving their sweets and sticklers.

Earlier in the afternoon my daughter and I had each bought books. When I arrived home later, looking at the books that Wendy had chosen, I thought that one of them looked familiar and realised it was one that I had donated. I have great difficulty in giving away my books as shelves in my house will testify, so I was delighted that one of them had returned home.



Coming soon...



In fact, **Saturday 13 September!** Time to get out those lycra cycling shorts or brush up your walking shoes – the day when churches and chapels around the county are throwing their doors open to visitors. It's also an opportunity to raise a bit of cash, for St Matthew's but more importantly for the places of worship that desperately need maintenance, more than their congregations can cover. But if you're not up to walking or cycling, you can still take part by sponsoring those in our congregation who hopefully will, or those who sit and record the visitors who come to us! Yes, it's Ride+Stride again.

The county Historic Churches Trust is a body of voluntary organisations that raise money for the restoration and maintenance of historic churches and chapels, supported by the national Churches Trust. In 2012 St Matthew's received a grant of £10,000 for our own major repair works.

Ride+Stride is an annual fun event run by the Trust, and it's been taking place on the second Saturday in September across most of the country since it began in Suffolk in 1981, and not even the plague in 2020 managed to stop it! Last year, with your help, we at St Matthew's raised £380, half of which came back to St Matthew's – funds raised are divided equally between the Trust and the individually sponsored church.

So there are three ways you can join in:

- ❖ You can **walk** on a route of Northampton churches taking part – team up with your friends and enjoy a fun and sociable stroll and see interesting places of worship that may not normally be open except for services.
- ❖ You can **man** St Matthew's (we'll be open between 10.00am and 2.00pm) to welcome and record others visiting our church – it's a nice easy sit-down job for an hour or so (always with someone else).
- ❖ You can **sponsor** us with money – please do! Note that we donate 'en masse' for the riders/striders/recorders – all help equally.

Like to help?

Register your interest in walking, manning or donating with me, either in person after Sunday Mass, or via the Parish Office letterbox in an envelope with a note giving your clearly readable name, address and phone number/email address, and addressed to **Dorrie Parker, Ride+Stride** (and if donating, please **include** it as cash or a cheque payable to NHCT, as it will save me chasing you later – it makes life SO much easier...!).

Thank you in anticipation!

Dorrie Parker

A Special Moment

Jean Duncan

I would like to share a special moment with you all that I experienced at St Matthew's on the second or maybe the third Sunday after Easter. It was a very different Sunday in contrast to the glorious celebrations we were privileged to be part of over the Easter period. The congregation was somewhat diminished and the choir was having a well-earned rest. Those of you who are regular church attenders at St Matthew's will recognise that this is not the usual Sunday. Everywhere was very quiet and contemplative. At the moment we were awaiting the distribution of communion or we were back in our seats, Jonathan was playing music to complement our thoughts and prayers. Included in his selection he played *O for the wings of a dove*, a well-known favourite of many of us. And then out of nowhere someone was singing. I looked round to try and identify where the voice was coming from, expecting to see a choir member or even one of the many talented singers we have in our congregation, but I could see no one, and still the singing continued. And then I pinpointed the singer, it was Kate, the lady who sits at the front of the church, who incidentally knows most of the hymns off by heart. It was really lovely. Most of us would never attempt some of those high notes and even if we did would have no chance of reaching them, but Kate was just perfect. Then as suddenly as the singing had started, it stopped. I think she realised she was the only one singing.

On behalf of those who were privileged to hear you on that one special Sunday Kate, thank you. You made me and many others very happy.



Friends of St Matthew's Music

SATURDAYS AT 4



Saturday 23rd August 2025 at 4:00pm
Terpsichore (Early music ensemble)

Tickets £10	FSMM Subscribers £8	Under 18s FREE
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**The guy who invented
autocorrect has died. 🙄**
May he restaurant in peas. 🥗
✌️
The funnel will be tomato. 🍅
😂



Robert Saunders

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The hunt for a new Archbishop of Canterbury is being led by a former head of MI5.

Some bishop will receive an audio-cassette of the Book of Common Prayer, which self-destructs in a cloud of incense after the words "Your mission, should you choose to accept it..."

**What did the pig
say on a hot day?**
I'm bacon.



Alan Riley

The University of Northampton, where Alan worked for many years as College Secretary and ultimately as its Chief Administrative Officer, has recently installed a plaque to his memory in the Memorial Garden at the Waterside Campus.

The Garden is open to the public and is located on the island in the River Nene, accessible from the Bedford Road via Nunn Mills Road.

David Waller



Brian Roy Dickens (1938-2025)

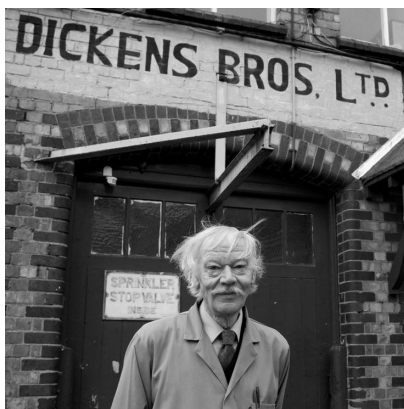
Our fellow worshipper at St Matthew's, Brian Dickens, died on 2 June aged 87 and his funeral was held at St Botolph's Church in his home village of Church Brampton on 25th.

Brian worked all his life in the leather trade for the family firm of Dickens Brothers, which had been founded by his grandfather in 1897. They were leather dressers, a specialist trade that applied bespoke finishes to already partly tanned leather hides. The company acquired purpose-built premises in Kettering Road, just by the junction with St Michael's Road, in 1900 and continued in operation there until Brian finally retired in 2017. The premises still exist, having been converted into flats.

Brian was for many years associated with the St Matthew's Trust, which he served as its Secretary until 2014, and until his retirement the annual accounts of the Trust were regularly prepared by Dickens Brothers' bookkeeper Mrs Parker.

Brian came from a well-established Northampton family and was cousin to the late Francis Crick of Weston Favell, the co-discoverer of DNA, and as such was often called upon to present various local and national prizes that commemorate Crick's scientific work.

David Waller



32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Girlguiding

Mandy Ludlow

This is the last article of this academic year, we are all looking forward to the summer break.

For the first time in the last five weeks we have had to cancel meetings twice, both for natural events. The first was the swarm of bees that decided to come and visit on a Monday and then again a couple of weeks later had to cancel because of the weather – 32 degree heat. We looked at what the schools were doing, plus the advice on the news. Therefore we are a little short of things to write about.

On the two evenings we did meet as normal, all sections continued working on their 'Skills for My Future' Theme Award, whilst having fun. We made full use of the outside area for a lot of the activities rather than being inside – some involved water!

On one evening the Brownies had lots of fun, and a great deal of noise could be heard emanating from the Parish Centre. The girls had been given blocks of wood and various tools – hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, screws, nails etc – and they learnt how to use the tools and what each one did.

The Guides have completed their Investigator Badge. The last part for them to complete was all about finger prints – Sellotape, paint brushes, baby powder, hand cream and black cardboard were needed. Fingerprints were taken from objects using the baby powder and Sellotape whilst using the paint brush and black cardboard, fingerprints were retrieved – just like real CSIs.

On the week following the fete, as the leaders had been so busy over the weekend, we had an outing; this year it was bowling. As usual we had a coach, and the girls and leaders headed to Hollywood Bowl for two games of bowling. For some of the girls this was their first time, others had been bowling many times, either way a lot of fun was had. The weather being dry and sunny the girls were able to sit outside for their snacks between games; they could choose between water, orange or blackcurrant for drinks, crisps, quavers, hula hoops or french fries, followed by assortment of snack-size packets of biscuits.

Café Guides was on duty at the Church Fete, and boy were we busy, serving sandwiches, paninis, cakes, bacon and sausage baps, chips, jacket potatoes with many toppings, and nachos. We were so busy leaders had to go home and bake more cakes and visit the supermarket for more supplies. The following day we were back, again it was busy. Over the weekend we used 5 kilos of bacon, 6 kilos of chips, 54 sausages, not to mention the 70 plus portions of cake.



CAFE GUIDES

LITE

Sunday 3rd August

owing to “staff” holidays

**WE WILL BE SERVING TEA,
COFFEE AND A SMALL SELECTION
OF CAKE**



Café Guides Recipe for August

Jamaican Sundae

Preparation time is very quick, but you must allow at least an hour for the pineapple to chill and five hours/overnight for the ice cream.

Use thick glasses (ie sundae glasses) that will not crack in the freezer; alternatively use a Tupperware box and decant into glasses when constructing the dessert.

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 425gm / 15oz can pineapple pieces, well drained
- 4 tablespoons rum
- 300ml / ½ pint soft-scoop vanilla ice cream

To serve

- 150ml / ¼ pint double cream
- 2 tablespoons desiccated coconut
- 4 maraschino cherries, drained
- 15gm / ½ oz grated chocolate

Method

- 1) Finely chop half the pineapple, place in a bowl with half the rum. Place the remaining pineapple in a bowl with the remaining rum. Cover with cling film and refrigerate for 1 hour.
- 2) Drain off and reserve the juice from the chopped pineapple, then quickly mix the pineapple into the ice cream with a fork. Mash the pineapple and ice cream together as quickly as possible – the ice cream should not be allowed to melt.
- 3) Divide the mixture between four sundae glasses or put into a Tupperware box, place in the freezer for 4-5 hours, until firm, or overnight.
- 4) To serve, whip the cream until soft and standing in peaks. Whisk in the coconut and reserved juice from the crushed pineapple. Remove the glasses from the freezer and quickly pile the remaining pineapple pieces on top of the ice cream, including any liquid. Top each glass with the coconut cream, a maraschino cherry and a little grated chocolate.

If freezing the ice cream in a Tupperware box, divide this between four sundae glasses and continue as above.



32nd St Matthew's Rainbows,
Brownies and Guides

Harvest Collection for the Local Food Bank

Join Us in Sharing the Harvest!

Give Thanks — Give Back

As the season of abundance arrives, let's come together as a community to ensure everyone has enough on their table. This Harvest, we invite you to join our collection drive in support of the local food bank.

What We're Collecting

- Tinned Goods: Vegetables, beans, soup, fruit, fish, meat, and more (please check expiry dates)
- Packet Foods: Pasta, rice, noodles, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee, long-life milk, long-life fruit juices, microwaveable puddings, pasta sauces, snack bars, cereals, custard, vegetarian options, baby foods and other non-perishables (please check expiry dates)
- Toiletries, shower gel, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, toilet rolls

How You Can Help

- Gather unopened, in-date tinned or packet foods from your home
- Encourage friends, family, and neighbours to join in
- Bring your donations to the collection point at the back of Church by SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

Why It Matters

Every tin or packet you give helps local families facing hardship. Together, our small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Spread the Word!

Let's make this Harvest a time of generosity and hope. Please share this message and help us fill every basket, so no one in our community goes hungry.

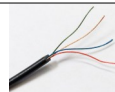
Thank you for your support!



Any Old Copper?

St Matthew's Scout Group are now raising funds for new tents.

We are doing this by collecting copper from old electrical flex such as kettle leads, computer cables, mains cable, anything that has copper running through it. Also old copper piping.



If an old electrical appliance breaks down, safely cut off the flex (unplug from the mains first!).

If you can remember 10 years ago, we did this with your generous help and raised enough money for our current tents which are now showing their age after numerous memorable camps.

We shall have a yellow container on the stage for any donations.

Thank you!

Mr Badger

**36th Northampton (St. Matthew's)
Scout Group**



Next month's magazine

Contributions to our magazine are always appreciated so let us know what you / your group are up to! If you don't have the confidence to write something yourself, just let us have the details and we'll write it for you.

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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NEW OPENING TIMES

Monday:	Closed	
Tuesday:	5.00pm – 11.00pm	
Wednesday:	5.00pm – 11.00pm	Food Served
Thursday:	5.00pm – 12.00am	
Friday:	4.00pm – 12.00am	5.00pm – 9.00pm
Saturday:	3.00pm – 12.00am	5.00pm – 9.00pm
Sunday:	Noon – 11.00pm	1.00pm – 5.00pm

Friends of St Matthew's Music 100+ Club

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

Number **94**, held by **Christine Bentley**



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.

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Jonathan Starmer



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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).

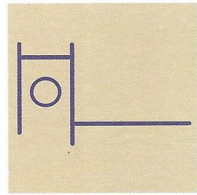
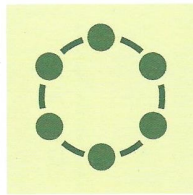
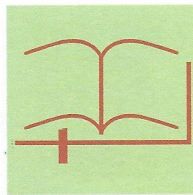
There are two methods of payment available: by a banker's direct debit or by weekly-numbered envelopes via the collection plate. The amount that you give is entirely confidential and is known only to the lay people who administer the Scheme.

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.

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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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