

St Matthew's **MAIL**

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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

JUNE 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 June

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	The Parish
2	Feria	The Ministry of Healing
3	The Martyrs of Uganda	For all who suffer because of their faith
4	Feria	Those who use our Parish Centre
5	S Boniface, B, M	The UK relationship with the EU
6	Feria	Those struggling to make ends meet
7	Feria	Thanksgiving for the Pilgrimage to Walsingham
8	PENTECOST (Whitsunday)	The birth of the Christian Church
9	Feria	Our Uniformed Groups
10	Feria	Those receiving communion at home
11	S Barnabas, Ap	Building a generous Church
12	Feria	Those living rough
13	Feria	Increasing support for the daily Mass
14	Of OLV	The Shrine and Society
15	TRINITY SUNDAY	The Parish
16	S Richard of Chichester, B	For Bishops Debbie and John
17	Feria	The Emergency Services
18	Feria	Preparations for the Summer Fete
19	Feria	The appointment of the Archbishop of Canterbury
20	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
21	Feria	Those who prepare and produce St Matthew's Mail
22	CORPUS CHRISTI	Greater devotion to the Eucharist
23	S Etheldreda, Ab	Research into cancer, dementia, and motor neurone disease
24	Birth of S John the Baptist	Pointing beyond ourselves to Christ
25	Feria	Our Churchwardens and PCC
26	Feria	Our Junior Church
27	S Cyril of Alexandria, B, Dr	Theological educators
28	S Irenaeus, B, M	For General Synod
29	S PETER, APOSTLE	For Pope Leo XIV
30	Feria	Our use and misuse of social media

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

June Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

‘They say when you marry in June ...’

It’s from a song from *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, in case you were wondering.

As we step into the beautiful month of June, the world around us seems to come alive with colour and light. The long, sunlit days and blossoming gardens remind us of the Creator’s handiwork and his promise of renewal. Just as nature flourishes in this season, so too are we invited to grow deeper in our faith and our walk with God.

In the liturgical calendar, June often falls within so-called Ordinary Time, a period that may sound mundane but is rich with spiritual meaning. We know that no time is ever truly ordinary when lived in communion with Christ. It’s a season where we are encouraged to focus on the day-to-day journey of discipleship. Green vestments return to the altar, symbolising growth, vitality, and hope. It is during this time that the Church invites us to be formed not by festivals alone but by the steady rhythm of prayer, sacrament, and the cultivation of virtue. There are few major feasts or fasts, but that doesn’t mean it is without purpose. Think of it as the ‘growing season’ for your soul.

There is, of course, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 27th. In Anglo-Catholic devotion, this month is set aside as a time of deep reflection on the love of Our Lord, poured out for us in the Holy Eucharist and in the mystery of his Passion. The Sacred Heart is not a mere pious image, with questionable art to accompany it, but a profound symbol of Christ’s divine love made manifest in human form – a heart that beats in perfect charity, pierced for our transgressions, and constantly interceding for us before the throne of the Father.

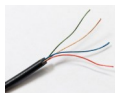
“Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6.9) St Paul reminds us that even when results are not immediate, the seeds we sow in faith and love, with heart, will bear fruit in time. Whether it’s your service with the life of the Church, your acts of kindness, or your time spent with God in quiet devotion – none of it is wasted. This is a good season to recommit to the Daily Mass, where we are nourished by the very Body and Blood of Christ. If you have fallen out of the habit of weekday Mass or morning/evening prayer attendance, June is a beautiful time to return.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: remain in my love." (John 15.9) In the Sacred Heart, we are invited to dwell in that love, not merely as recipients, but as living vessels through which Christ's mercy can reach the world. Let this month be a time where we don't just enjoy the beauty of God's creation but actively participate in his work to grow the Kingdom. Let June be not merely a summer interlude, but a time of renewal in prayer, reverence, and holy affection for the Sacred Heart. May our parish continue to be a place where the beauty of holiness draws souls ever closer to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Indeed, may we be wedded to Christ.

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

F. Nicholas

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



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



“I know I always can trust you”

Towards the end of my recent sabbatical leave, I went to Lee Abbey on the North Devon coast for a Prayer Retreat to reflect upon retirement later this year.

One of the wise guides suggested it would be good to choose a ‘theme song’ for this next stage in life. At first I didn’t think this was a very good idea! Then I remembered that on a previous visit, fifteen years ago, before my interview to be one of your Bishops, I sang a hymn on my prayer walks.



That hymn was ‘*Father, I place into your hands the things I cannot do*’ by Jenny Hewer and it has been a special favourite ever since. It’s a wonderful reminder of God’s trustworthiness in the face of life’s challenges. The verses cover the whole range of anxious questions; “What will I do?” “Where will I go?” “Who will I be?” “What about my family?” and “How will I cope?”

The final verse focuses on walking close to God and loving his people, the Church:

*“Father, I want to be with you and do the things you do, Father, I want to speak the words that you are speaking too,
Father, I want to love the ones that you will draw to you.”*

It’s a lovely call to pastoral leadership and it continues to inspire me after 39 years of ordained ministry.

But my wavering loyalty to God is overwhelmed by his faithfulness to me. In response to an enquiry about faith during a Question & Answer session with school children at the Cathedral, I said: “Faith is less about what you believe, more about who you can trust.”

This month I celebrated the Golden Anniversary of my Confirmation. After over 50 years of following Jesus, “I know I can always trust him.”

The Rt Revd John Holbrook
Bishop of Brixworth

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2024 PARISH SHARE

The Parish of Northampton St Matthew PCC

THANK YOU FOR PAYING

£56,400.00

This represents 71.74% of the amount requested

The average cost to the diocese of each full-time incumbent is **£76,728**

Thank you to everyone who has given willingly to enable us together
to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Thank you for your continuing generous support
for the provision of ministry in the diocese

+ Debbie

Andrew Roberts

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!



Friends of St Matthew's Music SATURDAYS AT 4



Saturday 28th June 2025 at 4:00pm
Anthony Adkins (Piano)

Tickets **£10**

FSMM Subscribers **£8**

Under 18s **FREE**

The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 8 June

PENTECOST

10.15am

All Age Mass

with Healing ministries

5.30pm

Solemn Choral Evensong



The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 15 June

TRINITY SUNDAY

10.15am

The Parish Mass

5.30pm

**Solemn Choral Evensong
and Benediction**



The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 22 June

CORPUS CHRISTI

Thanksgiving for Holy Communion

10.15am

The Parish Mass

5.30pm

Congregational Evensong



The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 29 June

SAINT PETER, Apostle

10.15am

The Parish Mass



5.30pm

Congregational Evensong

Junior Church

Every Third Sunday of the Month



**Join us during the 10:15am mass
in the children's area
for adult led stories and crafts
linked to the Church Year**

The next Junior church session is on
Sunday 15 June 2025

Beavers Go Wild

Hedgehog (Sandra Rivett)

It was 6 o'clock on a beautiful evening at the end of a glorious day at the beginning of May. Overstone Scout Activity Centre was coming alive with the exciting voices of young people being set free after a hard day at school.

St Matthew's Scouts, Cubs and Beavers were back at Overstone for an evening of good old-fashioned fun. We had last been at Overstone for the Chilly Camp/Brass Monkey Camp at the end of January. Young and old alike we're pleased to be back.

Mr Badger and Wolverine had taken the Scouts off to the bottom field by the bomb hole to cook burgers and sausages on an open fire and to do other Scoutie stuff. Akela, Shere-Kaan, Cricket and Kaa were practising fire lighting, toasting marshmallows and doing some tracking.

The Beavers had big plans. We currently have 11 Beavers. Our eldest, Miles, is almost 8 and has asked to do his link early. His arm is full of badges and he gained his bronze award earlier this year, the highest award a Beaver can earn. So, Miles went off with the Cubs with a smile that stretched from ear to ear and not a backward glance. Fox and Hedgehog grinned at each other. We watched with great pride and a tinge of sadness as we waved off another success. Miles had once been a quiet almost 6-year-old. He had blossomed and flown. Hopefully in about six weeks we will see him swim up the river and become a Cub Scout. Then starts another chapter in his Scouting journey. One more step along the road I go.

Fox, Hedgehog and Raccoon set off with our remaining Beavers, four girls and six boys. Beavers is all about learning through fun and friendship. Tonight, we were working towards three badges and two awards. Each badge or award has several skills/activities to complete over a period of time so often we are working towards several different badges at the same time – the explorer's badge, health and fitness and the navigator badge, also My Adventure award and Teamwork. The older Beavers would complete some of these badges/awards tonight while our youngest four will have only just started.



Our young leaders Bear, BB Owl, Kingfisher and Weasel had set out a trail for us to follow. That lead us around Overstone. We had to follow a map and find the place is marked on it.

When we arrived at the best golf ball finding area, there was great excitement thanks to the golfers on the other side of the fence whose skills have still not improved. The thrill of finding a shiny white golf ball or better still an orange or yellow one. I've even found a gold one once (not solid, just coloured) and is on a par (joke there ha ha) with finding a £1 coin left in a trolley or being giving a tiny free chocolate after a really expensive meal or, joy of joys, finding that huge shiny, unblemished conker among all the others under the tree that the squirrels haven't got to first.

After ten squeals of delight, we wandered on following the directions of our maps towards the big campfire circle, where we stopped for drinks and snacks from our backpacks and had a chat about this, that and the other. We were lucky enough to spot a young deer up in the forest area but he spotted us too and didn't stay too long. He was very cute and it was a real treat.

We continued to follow our maps that let us pass the archery range which had once been a swimming pool. Akela is always proud to tell anyone who is willing to listen that he swam there as a Cub back in the day many, many years ago. We passed the climbing wall and I was surprised that no



Beavers wanted to climb but I think that the sight of Roy's challenge, the play area, was calling to them.

Fox, Raccoon and Hedgehog rested awhile and had a quick planning meeting while watching the Beavers play supervised by Bear, BB owl Kingfisher and Weasel. Not sure who was having the most fun, Beavers or young leaders. Finally, we arrived back at our destination. The Cubs have got some lovely little fires going. They had eaten their marshmallows and were ready to do some tracking.

Our linking Beaver was still smiling his head off. He hardly acknowledged us as he scampered off with the rest of the Cubs and disappeared into the woods.

So while Raccoon and the young leaders kept the Beavers amused and tested their knowledge on what they had learned, Fox and Hedgehog took Beavers a couple at a time to toast marshmallows, which is of course the only way to eat them.

The Cubs having successfully tracked around the woods, and the scouts full of burgers and sausages arrived back for a singsong round the main fire.

Fox, Raccoon and Hedgehog took our sticky Beavers via the toilets to the top field where we gave Daisy her birthday card and sang 'Happy birthday to you' and then embarrassed poor BB Owl by doing the same with him. We sang our goodnight song and reminded Beavers that it was Church Parade on Sunday. We told them not to leave until we had seen their adult. We felt pleasantly tired and happy. Overstone does that to a body – you forget all your worries and cares for a while.

When everyone had gone and just Akela, Hedgehog and Cricket were left, we checked that all fires were out and toilets locked up before saying goodnight to Overstone until next time.



St Matthew's Church

SUMMER FETE



Saturday 5 July

1.00pm till 4.00pm

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

- ⚙ Raffle (£100 cash first prize) ⚙
- ⚙ Bouncy castle ⚙ Face painting ⚙
- ⚙ Kiddies Noah's Trail ⚙
- ⚙ Fire engine and crew ⚙ Police vehicle ⚙
- ⚙ Model railway displays ⚙ Coconut shy ⚙
- ⚙ Organ recital in church ⚙
- ⚙ Irish dancing ⚙ Folk group ⚙
- ⚙ Beer & Pimm's ⚙ Ice Cream van ⚙
- ⚙ Vintage tea room ⚙ BBQ ⚙
- ⚙ Stalls and Games galore ⚙

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St Matthew's Church

SUMMER FETE



Saturday 5 July | 1.00pm till 4.00pm

We can now take donations for our Summer Fete. So it's time to start looking through your cupboards and garages for all those unwanted gifts and items you've been meaning to clear out.

We need donations for the bottle tombola stall, good quality bric-a-brac, children's toys, games, jigsaws, general items for the tombola stall, sweets, chocolates, and books for the books stall.

We are now also able to PAT test small working electrical items if donated.

We would also be grateful for any plants for the plant stall but these can only be brought in a few days before the fete.

Items can be left in the box at the back of church or brought to the parish office during office hours. Please telephone first to check someone is there to take them in.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Denise

summerfete@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

Note Parish Office opening hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm, 1.00pm – 4.00pm

The office is closed on Wednesdays

St Matthew's Church

SUMMER FETE



Saturday 5 July | 1.00pm till 4.00pm

Cakes please!

The Catering Committee are organising the cake stall.

Please do donate cakes – they can be home baked, but if you are not a baker, bought cakes are equally welcome.



They can be any shape, size or flavour, all will be gratefully received!

They can be delivered to the Parish Centre the day before, as I will be there, or on the day itself to the stall.



If you are buying cake with a reasonable expiry date, these can be delivered to the Parish Centre during opening hours* at any time.

Thank you very much!

Sarah Oughton
Catering Committee Chairman

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32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Girlguiding

Mandy Ludlow

Once again the Bank Holiday has hit us, and we have only met for one Monday since the beginning of April.

VE Day – 8 May – when and what should we do? The Bank Holiday was 5 May so we would not be there, and 12 May is after the event...? We decided that as we would only be meeting for one week between the Bank Holidays we would celebrate at the end of April on the 28th. An old-fashioned street party was planned, the Union Jack bunting went up, all the girls came dressed in red, white and blue, the sun shone. As it was such a lovely evening the girls played outside on the green, traditional games and lots of fun with hoops.



As it was a party of course there was food – the normal fayre of sausage rolls, things on sticks, crisps, pizza and chicken nuggets, the latter not being really traditional 1940's fayre! How could we bring the red, white and blue theme into the food? Red jelly with white ice cream and 'blue'berry muffins, all washed down with lemonade.

A fun evening was had in a traditional way.

Whilst on the theme of VE Day, Café Guides set up with this in mind, each table having union jack flags, the bunting was still up, and music was provided by courtesy of the D-Day Darlings.



On Saturday 10 May our Division were holding a Rainbow Fun Morning and in the afternoon the Brownie Challenge Competition. In the morning we had Rainbows taking part, where they played games, made spiders using Oreos, painted blossom pictures, bugs out of playdoh and sang songs.

In the afternoon it was altogether a different affair. Brownie units were invited to enter a team of just six girls whose total age could not exceed 50 years. During the afternoon the girls were judged on their uniform and smartness, teamwork, politeness and manners as well as how they completed the various tasks. Points were awarded for all of the above; equally penalty points could be given! The girls did not have a leader with them to help during the afternoon. Obviously there were leaders there running the activities, but none that the girls knew, and although Georgina and I were there we were banished to the kitchen. The team had to work on their own initiative. Our Division President, Mavis Adshead, was to present the Katherine Huckell Brownie Challenge Shield, and whilst the competition has been running for many, many years this was a new shield. The 2½ hours was over and anxiously we waited as the winning team was announced...

The winning team is: 32nd St Matthew's! A huge well done and congratulations to our team – Maeve, Ellen, Amara, Lola, Maisie and Ava. 32nd St Matthew's will be the first names on the new shield.



Café Guides Recipe for June

Roasted Squash and Red Onion with Pasta

A simple supper of roasted squash and red onion with pasta, an easy mid-week meal for 2.

Ingredients

1 butternut squash, about 700g/1lb 9oz
2 red onions
2 garlic cloves, sliced
175g penne or rigatoni
3 rounded tbsp crème fraîche, full or half fat

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/ gas 6/ fan 180C. Peel and de-seed the squash, then cut it into mouthful-sized chunks and tip into a roasting tin. Peel the onions, leaving the root intact. Then cut each, through the root, into eight wedges and put them in the tin.

Add the garlic to the tin with 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper, then toss everything together with your hands until all the ingredients are glistening. Roast for 30-35 minutes, until everything has browned nicely.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in a large pan of salted water, following the timings given on the packet. Drain the pasta, reserving about 4 tbsp of the cooking water. Remove the tin from the oven and add the cooking water and crème fraîche, stirring everything together lightly. Tip in the pasta and toss well. Serve with a sprinkling of freshly grated parmesan.





CAFE GUIDES

CLOSED

Sunday 8th June

owing to staff outing

COME AND SEE US AT THE

CHURCH FETE SATURDAY 5TH

JULY OR AFTER THE ALL AGE

SERVICE ON 6TH JULY



Weekday Scripture Readings for June

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.



Monday	2	Numbers 27.15 - end	1 Corinthians 3
Tuesday	3	1 Samuel 10.1-10	1 Corinthians 12.1-13
Wednesday	4	1 Kings 19.1-18	Matthew 3.13-end
Thursday	5	Ezekiel 11.14-20	Matthew 9.35-10.20
Friday	6	Ezekiel 36.22-28	Matthew 12.22-32
Saturday	7	Deuteronomy 16.9-15	John 7.37-39
Monday	9	Genesis 12.1-9	Romans 4.13-end
Tuesday	10	Genesis 13.1-12	Romans 12.9-end
Wednesday	11	Ecclesiastes 12.9-end	John 15.12-17
Thursday	12	Genesis 22.1-18	Hebrews 11.8-19
Friday	13	Isaiah 51.1-8	John 8.48-end
Saturday	14	Isaiah 40.12-end	Mark 1.1-13
Monday	16	Exodus 2.1-10	Hebrews 11.23-31
Tuesday	17	Exodus 2.11-end	Acts 7.17-29
Wednesday	18	Exodus 16.2-15	John 6.22-35
Thursday	19	Proverbs 9.1-5	Luke 9.11-17
Friday	20	Exodus 34.1-10	Mark 7.1-13
Saturday	21	Exodus 34.27-end	2 Corinthians 3.7-end
Monday	23	Genesis 37.1-11	Romans 11.9-21
Tuesday	24	Malachi 4	Matthew 11.2-19
Wednesday	25	Genesis 42.17-end	Matthew 18.1-14
Thursday	26	Genesis 45.1-15	Acts 7.9-16
Friday	27	Genesis 47.1-12	1 Thessalonians 5.12-end
Saturday	28	Ezekiel 3.4-11	Acts 9.32-end
Monday	30	Isaiah 32	James 3.13-end

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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 MAY draw —

Number **59**, held by **Vivienne Drouet**



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

Bishop Debbie gives maiden speech in the House of Lords

On Friday 9 May Bishop Debbie gave her maiden speech in the House of Lords in a debate focusing on the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan. You can read the full transcript below.



My Lords, it's a privilege to be making my maiden speech today and I'm grateful to Lord Coaker for opening this debate and for the encouragement for us to mark and reflect on such an important anniversary and it's an honour to follow on from such moving speeches.

But before saying anymore I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many members and staff of your Lordships House for making me feel so welcome. I've been struck by the care that has been shown to help me find my feet and I'm most grateful for the time taken to do so.

I have been Bishop of Peterborough for just over a year, following four years as Bishop of Southampton, and I hope to bring experience from both dioceses as I take my place among you.

As we've heard, the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan has been marked in our communities in a number of different ways. Across Peterborough Diocese there have been street parties in Northamptonshire, bunting in the beautiful villages of Rutland. Bells of churches ringing out, including Peterborough Cathedral which has always been a place of gathering at times of national significance, and last night played its part again drawing people together and helping them remember. And it's the theme of remembering that I would like to focus on.

Having begun full time ministry as a family and children's worker over 20 years ago I have been inspired by young people and the work that goes on in our local schools. As Lord Wallace said it is so important for our children to understand the past.

One of the most moving experiences I had in parish ministry was an annual joint remembrance service which took place with our elderly midweek congregation and the Year 2 children of our local church school. This is a genuine collaborative exercise and each generation learned from it. For the seven year old children it brought to life their study of World War 2 when they could hear personal stories of those who had lived through it. Speaking with a woman who had been an evacuee or a gentleman who had served in the army, the school lesson came alive for them because these personal stories had power, as we've just had shared from Lord Craig.

For our seniors it was a time for them to share their stories to be listened to, to be given permission to talk about the hardships of their time. But there was more going on. As they listened they could hear the hopes of young children who in their own short lives already knew of recent conflicts, some of which were having direct impact on two or three of them.

How do we change, how do we move on if we do not remember, if we do not learn together? I'd like to suggest that putting ourselves into the shoes of others helps to take an act of remembrance into something that can bring change for the future as we learn from others.

Peterborough Diocese is linked with the Diocese of Seoul in Korea and our partnership is based on listening to one another and seeing life through the eyes of another. Their experience of war and conflict has shaped their theology, and their worship, and we can learn from that.

Two years ago I had the privilege to visit the Anglican Church in Burundi, and again heard stories of strife and struggle. We also met many young people, who are determined to ensure that life is different in the future. They taught us much about the transformation of relationships across different social groups.

Young people give us hope for a different future.

Across Peterborough Diocese there are 103 church schools, with more than 20,000 students. These are places where children are encouraged to develop values that they believe will help society. Ways of living that will decrease conflict. One area that is being encouraged is that of courageous advocacy, promoting an ethos of action taking, challenging injustice, and becoming agents of change.

As I play my part in Your Lordships' House, I hope to be involved in the work of education and family life, supporting children and young people to become those agents of change, and playing their part in shaping the world to be a better place. This would indeed be a tribute to the people we remember today.

A little girl was sitting with her grandmother, who had presented her with her first little children's Bible, in an easy-to-read translation, when she was very young.

Now, a decade later, the old lady was ready to hand down the big old King James Version family Bible to her only grandchild.

Understandably excited, the youngster was asking a number of questions, both about the family members whose births and deaths were recorded therein, and about various aspects of the Scriptures themselves.

Her grandmother tried to answer all the child's questions in terms she could understand, but the one that stopped her cold was this:

"Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? Was it the Virgin Mary, or the King James virgin?"



St Matthew's Ladies Group

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

Meetings in June

- 9 June Speaker: John Buckell –
Northampton Conscientious Objectors of World War 1
- 23 June Speaker: Derek Harris –
Half Cut Theatre Company: Tales from the Canals
with Buffet Lunch

The full Spring/Summer 2025 programme is on our website:
Click on the 3-bar menu, go to Information & Visiting
and then St Matthew's Ladies 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

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Simon Toyne and Jem Lowther (Pianists)

Music for piano duet by Ibert, Milhaud, Poulenc and Ravel



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Saturday 26th July 2025 at 4:00pm

Lewis Kingsley Peart (Piano)



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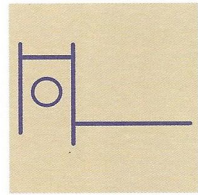
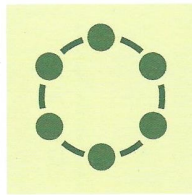
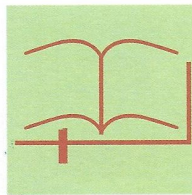
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