

St Matthew's **MAIL**

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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

MAY 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 May

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	Ss Philip and James, Apostles	Witnessing to Christ with our lives
2	S Athanasius, B, Dr	For theological colleges and courses
3	Feria	For Christian Aid Week
4	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Parish
5	Feria	The Ministry of Healing
6	Feria	International trade
7	Feria	Preparations for our APCM
8	Feria	The Sudan
9	Feria	Those who read and lead our intercessions
10	OF OLW	The forthcoming Parish Pilgrimage
11	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Parish
12	Feria	Our Uniformed Groups, Junior Church and choristers
13	Feria	The General Synod
14	S Matthias, Apostle	Offering ourselves in the serving of the Church
15	Feria	The first meeting of our new PCC
16	Feria	For peace in Ukraine and The Middle East
17	Feria	Those dependant on the Welfare State
18	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Parish
19	S Dunstan, B	The discernment process for the next Archbishop
20	Feria	For those in the grip of addiction
21	Feria	Our servers and sacristans
22	Feria	For our ministers of welcome
23	Feria	Those beginning Half Term
24	Feria	For our choir sitters and event stewards
25	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	The Parish
26	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
27	S Augustine of Canterbury, B	The Diocese of Canterbury
28	Feria	For our churchwardens
29	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	The Eternal Destiny
30	S Joan of Arc, V, M	For Kingsley Primary School
31	Visitation of the BVM	For expectant mothers

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

May Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

Witnesses for Christ

Although I'm writing this – late, again! – on the Monday of Easter Week, a little bleary-eyed much like the first disciples, I'm charged with the responsibility of saying something helpful and coherent for this May edition of St Matthew's Mail. Well, on Thursday 29 May, forty days on from Easter Day, we celebrate the Feast of Christ's Ascension into heaven – Ascension Day (Sung Mass at 7.30pm). There is much that could be said. Christ's is a strange path to glory. I could write about 'presence' and 'absence', but I'm going for a more developed understanding of what it is for each of us to see ourselves as *witnesses* for Christ, as surely as those actually present with Christ and on the day of his ascension were witnesses.

Before leaving his apostles, Jesus commissioned them to preach the Gospel to the whole world. In order to help them carry out that mission he promised to send them the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost day he fulfilled that promise.

The task of preaching the Gospel to the world now depends on us. We are Christ's witnesses. It's a great privilege but a daunting task. However, we also can rely on the help of the Holy Spirit. But how are we to witness?

There is the witness of words. We witness by professing our faith. This could include explaining it and defending it.

There is the witness of deeds. An apple tree that never produced an apple would be a poor witness for the orchard. Even one good apple speaks. 'Never recommend anything unless you can provide a sample of it', wrote Thoreau.

Then there is the witness of one's life. Trees witness to life just by being. Tall, straight, motionless, they are silent yet eloquent witnesses to life. Flowers bear witness to beauty simply by being what they are. And Christians bear witness by what they are. The most eloquent sermon is the silent sermon for example. Today people no longer want to listen to sermons on faith. They want to see the Gospel in action.

The witness of a Christian life is more powerful than any argument. There are those whose lives bear radiant witness to the transforming power of the faith. In their lives the faith is a bright flame, whereas in the lives of others it is a dim glow or an occasional spark. The person who, despite all his/her human limitations and defects, lives a simple life, taking Christ as the model, is a sign of God and of transcendent realities.

The evangelical witness which the world finds most appealing is that of concern for people and of charity towards the poor, the weak, and those who suffer. Pope Francis, who died this morning, was an outstanding example of that, a compassionate Shepherd. May he inherit the eternal reward. The generosity underlying this attitude and these actions stands in marked contrast to human selfishness. It raises precise questions which lead to God and to the Gospel. A commitment to peace, to justice, to human rights, is a witness to the Gospel.

There is a fourth degree of witness, namely, to bear witness with one's death. But this is not granted to or asked of everyone. What is asked of each of us is to witness with our lives. This is no soft, easy way, but a way that calls for a special kind of toughness, strength and courage.

There is a hunger in the world today for the Christ of the Gospels. Jesus said to the apostles, "Stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." The power in question was the power of the Holy Spirit. We need that same power, individually and as a community, if we are to witness to Jesus here in Northampton. Those who witness will share in his glory.

May you joyfully witness to Christ far beyond this Easter and Ascension-tide.

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

Fr. Nicholas

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 May

12 May Speaker: Michael Peachey – *Artist and Humorous stories*
26 May (Spring Bank Holiday – no meeting)

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

‘Lord, Teach us to Pray’

The disciples asked this simple question of Jesus as they watched him spend time with his father in quiet and solitude. They must have noticed the way in which Jesus so easily drew close to God and made time to do so. They longed for this type of relationship themselves and so asked that Jesus would show them how to pray in order to experience this for themselves.



In our Year of Prayer, we are discovering ways in which we can draw closer to God and deepen our own prayer lives and it is exciting to hear of the different ways in which many of you are exploring this further.

Thy Kingdom Come is a national and international campaign that encourages us to pray for others, that they may come to know Jesus, and takes place between Ascension Day and Pentecost. The focus this year is on the Lord's Prayer and so can help us with our own events. I do hope you will explore the resources that are available and see what you can do in your parishes during this time. How wonderful it would be to see the results of those prayers as more people come to find out more about Jesus and know his love for them.

Let's keep praying!

+ Debbie



Christian Aid Week 11 - 17 May 2025

This Christian Aid Week, we are calling on the UK government to hold polluters accountable for the climate crisis, and to introduce new debt justice laws that could help millions of people escape debt.



St Matthew's will be having two events again this year:

Coffee Morning - Saturday 10 May - at Girlie and Seymour's

Big Breakfast - Saturday 17 May - in the Parish Centre

Please support these if you possibly can.
Check the weekly pewsheets for further details!

Thank you
Girlie Franklin

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.

Deadline for the June magazine is SUNDAY 11 MAY

Editor: Dorrie Parker

Layout and production: Gary Drinkwater

The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 4 May

10.15am

**All Age Mass
for the Parish Family**



5.30pm

Choral 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 18 May 2025

32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Girlguiding

Mandy Ludlow

As there were five weeks in March we have only been at our meetings for three weeks since our last Parish Magazine article.

The Guides have worked hard and have completed their Express Myself theme award. We are lucky to have a new Leader, Sienna, who is working with the Guides and doing a great job. Having finished their theme award for this term the Guides requested to do some craft activities, one of which was to make trinket boxes for their Mums. An evening was spent designing, painting and varnishing these before leaving them for a week to dry, ready to take home. For their second craft week Sienna brought in a wide variety of tiny glass beads, charms and letter beads; all the girls made bracelets. This was a very fiddly operation as some of the beads were not much more than 3 millimetres in size.

Yasmin continues to run Rainbows with the help of Anjali and Libby, our Young Leader, as Courtney is still not able to return to running the unit as she is long term sick. The 4-7 year olds did some really lovely painting onto recycled glass jam jars using glass paints, turning them into pretty vases into which they put some daffodils as a gift for their Special Adult at home. The following week Easter nests were made using chocolate and crunched up shredded wheat, topped off with mini eggs. At the end of the evening there were some shredded wheat crumbs left so the girls took these outside to feed the birds.

Brownies too wanted to make something for their Special Adult – why do we use the term 'Special Adult'? – the reason is not all of our girls live with Mum and Dad. Over all our sections we have girls who are looked-after children in foster care, girls who live with Mum but have a step Mother, a couple of our Brownies and Guides spend more time with Grandma and lastly we have some children who have two mummies as they are in a same sex family. So what did the Brownies do? Over two weeks they made gingerbread bunnies and tulips, which they iced too, and created spring flower bouquets with card and plastic foam as well as making a card.

The Rangers have been 'hit and miss' as they are revising for exams.

Our Spring Craft Market was a success and all our stalls were sold out. Café Guides ran the refreshments, and the next day was Mothering Sunday, so again Café Guides were doing refreshments. We were pleasantly surprised at how many people stayed after the All Age Mass and we ended up having to put out more tables and chairs. Thank you to all those who support us, it

means we can make meaningful contributions to the Church and provide transport for our various outings, as many of the girls do not have transport and would otherwise not be able to attend.

Meeting on a Monday we lose a lot of evenings at this time of year owing to the Bank Holidays and the Easter school holidays. We therefore made the decision to meet in the holidays for all those girls who wanted to and were able to attend. The evening was all Easter activities; we made Easter themed cupcakes, baskets to put the cakes in, plus they all decorated and painted eggs to put up as decorations.



*Come along to a VE Day
80th Café Guides*

Sunday 4th May 2025

*After the All Age Service, in the Parish
Centre*

*Jacket potato with a hot topping, slice of
cake and a hot drink £5.00*

*Now also serving latte and cappuccinos as well as filter
coffee and a range of teas plus yummy hot chocolate*

Be part of a national moment as
communities come together to share and
celebrate VE Day's 80th anniversary.
ve-vjday80.gov.uk

Café Guides Recipe for May

VE Day Condensed Milk Cake

This recipe for VE Day Condensed Milk Cake is a slightly adapted version of the original recipe which was published in The Ministry of Food leaflet 21, 'Making the Most of Sugar' from December 1946. The original cake is simply called Condensed Milk Cake, but as we approach the 80th anniversary of VE Day, I thought it would be a lovely addition to any VE Day celebrations you may be having at home this year.

It's a very easy cake recipe and uses condensed milk in place of sugar, with very little fat added to the cake too. It's a light fruit cake which is very moist, and is also lovely when sliced and buttered. Condensed milk cakes were very popular during the second world war, as they took the place of sugar, and sometimes eggs and fat, although this cake recipe does have eggs in it. My Nan used to make a celebration fruit cake at Christmas-time with a tin of condensed milk, and we all loved it, not dissimilar to the Vicar's Fruit Cake that sometimes puts in an appearance at Café Guides.

I have always loved just how innovative wartime recipes were; even with sustained rationing for over 15 years, housewives of the time more than 'made do and mend' on the culinary front. The Ministry of Food leaflets were a fabulous source of inspiration which have never been more relevant than for today. But, they were especially helpful when it came to eking out your meagre rations during both world wars.

I have several of the original Ministry of Food leaflets, as well as numerous wartime cookbooks, and I find myself referring to them more frequently with the increased cost of living and sometimes shortages on the supermarket shelves. From how to make the most of your meat ration to inspiring recipes using cheese, eggs and potatoes, I suspect these leaflets were a god-send to housewives and cooks of the time.

Ingredients

3ozs (75g) margarine (I used butter)
8ozs (225g) self-raising Flour,
OR 8ozs (225g) plain flour with 4 teaspoons baking powder
3ozs (75g) raisins or sultanas
1 tablespoon marmalade
6 tablespoons condensed milk made up to 1/4 pint (150ml) with water
2 eggs, beaten, fresh or dried

Method

Rub the margarine or butter into the flour and add the baking powder if using.

Add the dried fruit and mix to a soft consistency with the marmalade, milk and beaten eggs.

Spoon into a greased and/or lined 6" (15cm) cake tin and bake in a moderate oven (180C to 190C/350F to 375F/Gas mark 4 to 5) for 45 minutes.

Cool on a wire rack and serve in slices when cold.

Additional comments:

To check if the cake is cooked, insert a skewer into the middle of the cake, and the skewer should come out clean if the cake is cooked.

Use mixed dried fruit in place of the sultanas or raisins.

You can also use golden syrup in place of the marmalade.

This can be baked in a loaf tin, but is more celebratory when baked in a round cake tin.



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

A letter from Bishop John

The Bishop of Brixworth, the Right Reverend John Holbrook has announced he will retire later this year. After 14 years of dedicated service to the Diocese, Bishop John will lay down his crozier on 30 September 2025. Doubtless we will hear more about this and opportunities to thank him near the date. In the meantime Bishop John writes.....



Dear Friends,

Bishop Debbie has kindly invited me to write this letter to share with you the news that I have decided to retire as Bishop of Brixworth on September 30th.

Serving the people and communities of Peterborough Diocese has been the most wonderful privilege. We have loved living in this beautiful area and sharing ministry alongside you has been great fun and immensely rewarding. We have so many lovely memories and will miss you dearly. I have always felt sustained knowing that members of the Diocesan family pray for their Bishops by name every day.

My recent sabbatical break gave me time to rediscover the specialness of non-episcopal ministry. Being a temporary chaplain on a cruise ship (surprisingly hard work!) reaffirmed my love of pastoral care. I also enjoyed the opportunity to see more of my family, to read and to travel. I have loved being one of your Bishops, but I am hoping that retirement will offer scope for new ministries, possibly including volunteering at a Retreat Centre.

We believe that our new home is likely to be in the area where Dorset, Somerset and Devon come together. This is close to our family, the sea and Bristol City Football Club!

There is much work to be done between now and September, helping to progress Bishop Debbie's vision for our Diocese. Meanwhile, thank you so much for your friendship, care, understanding, encouragement and love. This is a wonderful Diocese and you are very fortunate in the remarkable clergy and lay leaders who serve you. We are so grateful that God called us to follow Christ here fifteen years ago and will continue to pray for you in the future.

With my love, thanks and prayers,



+John

A village without villagers

Gary Drinkwater

Land was first purchased for military training on Salisbury Plain in 1897. Within five years the total area in the hands of the War Department had risen to 43,000 acres. Over the following decades more and more land was compulsory purchased. The village of Imber and its surrounding area were acquired between 1928 and 1932. The villagers became tenants of the War Department.

In 1943, with just 47 days' notice, residents of Imber were asked to leave to make way for American troops to train. They were told it was only until the war ended; they were never allowed back. The only residents that have been allowed back are those who have died, to be buried in the church graveyard.

This is a picture of the letter sent to tenants to vacate:

For Cottage Tenants holding direct from W.D. [War Department]

*W.D. Estate Office,
Durrington,
Wilts.*

Dear Sir/Madam

Imber Training Area

Rising out of the decision that increased training facilities are to be made available in the Imber area, I regret to inform you that it is necessary to evacuate the major part of the Department's Imber Estate, including your dwelling.

To this end I enclose you formal notice to quit. The area has to be evacuated and made available for training by Dec 17th. In this connection you will note that the formal notice to quit expires on and it is confirmed that there will be no objection, if it assists you, to your remaining in your dwelling as tenant on sufferance until a date not later than Dec 17th 1943.

It is appreciated that apart from the distress the move will cause you, it must inevitably occasion direct expense for which you have no legal redress against the Department. It is however, desired to assist you in this direction as far as is practicable and equitable, and I am directed to state that the Department is prepared in principle but without prejudice to refund to you reasonable expenses incurred by you in respect of the removal of your furniture to your new home, and the travelling expenses thereto of yourself and members of your family at present living with you. In addition, if you are so unfortunate as not to be able to find alternative accommodation, and it is necessary to remove your furniture to store, the Department will refund the cost of removal to store and reasonable storage charges until you can find another house, or until the Imber area is again open for occupation, whichever is the earlier.

Further the Department is prepared if you so desire to take over from you by valuation, any produce in your garden which you are unable to harvest and take with you, and I shall be glad if you will let me have as soon as possible any claim you wish to make under this head.

Yours faithfully,

*A.O. Thorne
Lieutenant. Colonel,
Command Land Agent
Souther Command.*

The village's buildings suffered shell and explosion damage after the war when UK military operations began and were additionally eroded by the weather, quickly falling into disrepair. At the end of the war, efforts were made to restore Imber to its pre-war condition – although there was very little damage – but it was decided to retain it for military use.



The blacksmith, Albert Nash, is said to have died of a broken heart.. "When the time came to evacuate the village they found him slumped over his anvil, crying like a child," a local historian recalled. "Within a month he was dead.", he is buried at the village church.



To the left is Imber Court in 1920 and above Imber Court now

In the early 1960s, 2000 people, some former villagers, attended a rally demanding residents be allowed back. A public enquiry was held but again it was decided to retain it for the military.

A decade later a further attempt was made to restore the village when the Defence Lands Committee (DLC) was given the task of looking into the need for the retention of Ministry of Defence lands. The Imber case was backed up with written evidence from former villagers. In spite of the additional evidence, including a copy of the original eviction letter which indicated return the DLC recommended that the village be retained for military use.

Following intervention by the House of Lords it was decided that the village would be open to visitors for between one and fifty days a year. For the last few years it has only been open for the three days of the August Bank holiday.

In addition, the church has a service on the Saturday nearest to St Giles' Day which falls on 1 September.

St Giles Church occupies the site of an earlier building dating from the mid-12th century. The nave was rebuilt towards the end of the 13th century and was followed, circa 1400, by the addition of the north and south aisles, the

tower and north porch. At this time the nave roof was reconstructed. The chancel was rebuilt in 1849 at which time the north-east vestry was built.

The church was rich in fittings and furnishings which are now scattered among other churches in Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. However, some of the 13th and 15th century wall paintings survive.



During the early 1950s the War Office (now Ministry of Defence) undertook to keep the church in a modest state of repair until a decision was made as to its ultimate future. This undertaking came to an end in 2002 when responsibility for the building reverted to the Diocese of Salisbury. In 2005 this Grade I listed building was vested in The Churches Conservation Trust for preservation and repair. With assistance from the Ministry of Defence, the Trust has carried out a comprehensive campaign of repair and conservation to the building and its wall paintings.

Also once a year, as a result of a conversation in a pub, the Imberbus run takes place. Bath Bus Company and Transport for London, primarily using old Routemaster



buses, are allowed to run a bus service to Imber. When I went in 2019 there were 28 buses running throughout the day from Warminster Railway Station. This year the open days are 23-24 August with the Imberbus run on Saturday 16 August.

Who had the first computer,

Adam and Eve, an Apple, but with limited capacity – just 1 byte, and everything crashed...

How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman.

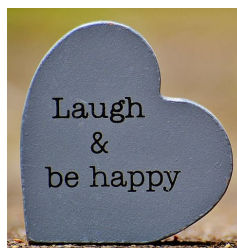
By his net income

When is medicine first mentioned in the Bible?

When God gave Moses two tablets.

How do you know that atoms are Catholic?

They have Mass.



Form M1

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of
NORTHAMPTON ST MATTHEW

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in The Parish Church of St Matthew on the eleventh day of May 2025 at 10.15am

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows—

To the Deanery Synod 2 representatives.

To the Parochial Church Council 2 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

(a) a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll.

(b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally.

(c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st of December preceding the meeting.

(d) the annual report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.

(e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and

(f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

Signed: Reverend Canon Nicholas Setterfield

Vicar of the parish

Weekday Scripture Readings for May

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.



Thursday	1	Job 23.1-12	John 1.43-end
Friday	2	Genesis 6.9-end	1 Peter 3.8-end
Saturday	3	1 Samuel 2.1-8	Matthew 28.8-15
Monday	5	Exodus 24.1-11	Revelation 5
Tuesday	6	Leviticus 19.9-18, 32-end	Matthew 5.38-end
Wednesday	7	Genesis 3.8-21	1 Corinthians 15.12-28
Thursday	8	Isaiah 33.13-22	Mark 6.47-end
Friday	9	Nehemiah 9.6-17	Romans 5.12-end
Saturday	10	Isaiah 61.10-62.5	Luke 24.1-12
Monday	12	Jeremiah 31.10-17	Revelation 7.9-end
Tuesday	13	Job 31.13-23	Matthew 7.1-12
Wednesday	14	1 Samuel 16.1-13a	Matthew 7.15-27
Thursday	15	Proverbs 28.3-end	Mark 10.17-31
Friday	16	Ecclesiastes 12.1-8	Romans 6.1-11
Saturday	17	1 Chronicles 29.10-13	Luke 24.13-35
Monday	19	Genesis 15.1-18	Romans 4.13-end
Tuesday	20	Deuteronomy 8.1-10	Matthew 6.19-end
Wednesday	21	Hosea 13.4-14	1 Corinthians 15.50-end
Thursday	22	Exodus 3.1-15	Mark 12.18-27
Friday	23	Ezekiel 36.33-end	Romans 8.1-11
Saturday	24	Isaiah 38.9-20	Luke 24.33-end
Monday	26	Proverbs 4.1-13	Philippians 2.1-11
Tuesday	27	Isaiah 32.12-end	Romans 5.1-11
Wednesday	28	2 Samuel 23.1-5	Colossians 2.20-3.4
Thursday	29	2 Kings 2.1-15	Revelation 5
Friday	30	Exodus 35.30-36.1	Galatians 5.13-end
Saturday	31	Zechariah 2.10-end	John 3.25-30

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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 APRIL draw —

Number **22**, held by **Pamela Rawlinson**



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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A Christian Workers Co-operative supporting the local community and the wider world.

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
ST MATTHEW • NORTHAMPTON

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).

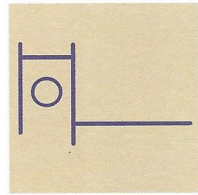
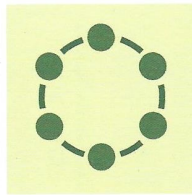
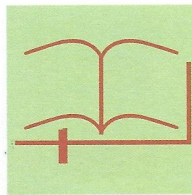
There are two methods of payment available: by a banker's direct debit or by weekly-numbered envelopes via the collection plate. The amount that you give is entirely confidential and is known only to the lay people who administer the Scheme.

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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