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**News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**



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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 September

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 17)	
2	Feria	The Healing Ministry
3	S Gregory the Great, Pp, Dr	
4	S Cuthbert, B	
5	Feria	
6	Feria	
7	Of the BVM	
8	THE NATIVITY OF THE BVM	
9	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
10	Feria	
11	Feria	
12	Feria	
13	S John Chrysostom, B and Dr	
14	Holy Cross Day - Walsingham Cell Mass	
15	THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Battle of Britain	
16	Ss Cornelius, Pp and Cyprian B, Ms	
17	Feria	
18	Feria (Ember Day)	
19	Feria	
20	Saints and Martyrs of Australasia and the Pacific	
21	ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE - Patronal Festival	
22	131 <sup>st</sup> DEDICATION FESTIVAL	
23	Feria	
24	Our Lady of Walsingham	
25	Feria	
26	Feria	
27	S Vincent de Paul, Pr	
28	Of the BVM	
29	MICHAELMAS	
30	S Jerome, Pr and Dr	

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

# September's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

## The Persecution of the Just

As is so often and easily said, 'We live in a fearful world'. War and violence, fear and criminality of many kinds, dominate the media headlines. It is tempting to despair. The shocking spectacle of the recent riots, the manipulation of weak-minded mobs, the suffering of the wholly innocent, have only served to intensify the apprehension that is never far from the front of our minds when we are out and about. The dark side of human nature and our propensity toward sin is much in evidence. Without being trite, our faith can of course help and inform our responses and help moderate base emotions. There have also been a few profoundly moving attempts to bring perpetrator and victim together to deepen understanding, even bring about reconciliation. There is much good in the world, and we dare not lose sight of it.

Good people have always suffered at the hands of the wicked. They suffer because their blameless lives are a reproach to the wicked. They make evildoers uncomfortable by what they say in confronting injustice and evil, and sometimes just by the relative goodness and uprightness of their lives. It is precisely because they are good (not perfect) that they suffer.

Elie Wiesel, the Jewish writer and Nobel Peace Prize winner, tells a very disturbing story in one of his books. Once after delivering a lecture in New York he met a man who looked vaguely familiar. He began to wonder who he was and where they had met before. Then he remembered. He had known him in Auschwitz. Suddenly an incident involving this man came back to him.

As soon as children arrived by train at Auschwitz, together with the elderly and the sick, they were immediately selected for the gas chamber. On one occasion a group of children were left to wait by themselves for the next day. This man asked the guards if he could stay with the children during their last night on earth. Surprisingly his request was granted.

How did they spend that last night? He started off by telling the children stories in an effort to cheer them up. However, instead of cheering them up, he succeeded only in making them cry. So what did they do? They cried together until daybreak. Then he accompanied the little ones to the gas chamber. Afterwards he returned to the prison yard and reported for work. When the guards saw him, they burst out laughing.

In this story we see the brazenness of evildoers, and a marvellous example of service done to the little ones. The man's heroic act of service towards the little ones shines out all the brighter because of the darkness of the background. In Auschwitz all that was good and decent was trampled into the ground. Their self-interest was the name of the game. Compassion was rare as a flower in winter.

Yet this man rose above all of that. He risked his life to befriend the little ones. He had no answers to give them, no salvation to offer them. All he could do was accompany them during their last hours so that they would not suffer alone.

He is a Christlike figure. He would not participate in evil. Neither would he stand idly by nor watch others suffer without trying to alleviate their sufferings.

Even though he was just an ordinary prisoner, with no rank or status of any kind, he was undoubtedly the greatest person in that sad place on that sad occasion. What made him great was his goodness.

Christ was the supremely just one. Yet he too suffered. Throughout his public ministry he was hounded by his enemies. On the cross he suffered the taunts of his enemies and of the godless.

Christ was victorious, not by avoiding evil, but by confronting it and overcoming it. He gives courage and hope to all who sacrifice themselves for others in the cause of right.

Persecution has always been the lot of the righteous. However, it gives them an opportunity to show their true mettle. Besides, the just know that God is on their side. The conviction of the righteous is their belief in God's love for them. God never abandons the upright, but their reward is in the life-to-come.

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

*Fr. Nicholas*

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## Tempus Fugit ... Time Flies

'Tempus Fugit' quipped Bond as the exploding watch was propelled across the floor towards the evil Blofeld. Well you don't need to work for the British Secret Service to know that one minute you're in your teens enjoying all of life's firsts and the next you've been there and got the t-shirt. Life goes quickly and the police are definitely looking younger.



So it was only five minutes ago since the schools joyfully broke up for the summer hols and now the new term is on the horizon. September is the time for new beginnings. Children join a shiny new class; teenagers head off into the scary world of work or the carefree (and expensive) world of university; the rugby season bursts into life at Franklin's Gardens, the home of the Premiership Champions; and churches crank up their kids' groups, home groups, social lives and community contact.

Tempus Fugit. Time flies. So let's make the best of it. Verse two of the old hymn, Awake my Soul, says:

*Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,  
and live each day as if thy last;  
improve thy talent with due care;  
for the great day thyself prepare.*

Or in plain English: Make the most of every day and use your God-given gifts for Jesus, because one day we meet him.

Enjoy the new beginning that September brings; use your time wisely and well; be creative and sparky in your discipleship; and delight in every opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus.

Tempus Fugit ... enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Ormston". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

The Venerable Richard Ormston  
Archdeacon of Northampton

## Review: Sounds Historical Ensemble

Kay Warçaba

On 27 July the Friends of St Matthew's Music hosted the most recent of their summer recital series *Saturdays at 4*. The guest artists this time were the *Sounds Historical Ensemble*. They presented a most interesting programme called *From Hildegard to Haydn*, which charted the development of music and musical instruments from the monophonic (single line) vocal music of Hildegard of Bingen through the development of harmony and polyphony to the much more familiar harmonic landscape of Haydn's music.

As they explored the development of music, they played a wide variety of instruments (over 50 in total) which were contemporary with each piece played. The instruments ranged from the familiar such as consorts of recorders to the less so, consorts of viols and the theorbo (a giant bass lute). The artists talked briefly about the development of the music and instruments as they introduced each piece of music.

All in all it was a most interesting, informative and imaginative programme, and most importantly, excellently played.

There are still a few recitals left in the current recital series. These will be on the fourth Saturday of every month at 4pm. Do join us!





# Northampton Theological Society

David Waller

Did you know that Northampton has a theological society? Composed of both clergy and lay people, it currently meets every other month on a Tuesday evening at the Abbey Centre Chapel in Hunsbury, for a talk by an invited speaker. The subject matter of the meetings includes not merely questions of doctrine and theology in an academic sense, but also the history of the Church, its relations with other faiths, and the practical application of Christian belief in the world today. Through discussion with fellow members from across the different Christian traditions in the Northampton area, members are encouraged to deepen their understanding of their own beliefs and faith-life.

Soon to celebrate its twentieth anniversary, the NTS was set up at the initiative of Bishop Frank White, the then suffragan Bishop of Brixworth, and for the first 15 years of its life, it was largely run by St Matthew's folk, with Alan Riley in the chair and Ros Catlin and Richard Alcock serving as secretary and treasurer respectively. The annual membership subscription is a modest £15, but visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for £5.

The next meeting will be on 17 September, when Rev Bruce Thompson will be speaking about the relationship between Christians and Jews; Bruce is a Methodist minister who has written knowledgeably on the subject of Judeophobia (*Echoes of Contempt: a history of Judeophobia and the Christian Church*, 2018). Anyone who would like to know about the NTS, or wishes to attend the next meeting, is welcome to contact David Waller ([david@davidwaller.org.uk](mailto:david@davidwaller.org.uk)).



Friends of St Matthew's Music  
**SATURDAYS** AT **4**

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Saturday 28th September 2024 at 4:00pm  
*Billy Baker - Piano*

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Tickets **£10**    FSMM Subscribers **£8**    Under 18s **FREE**





**Northampton  
Theological Society**

*VENUE: The Abbey Centre Chapel  
East Hunsbury NN4 0RZ*

**Tuesday 17 September 2024**

**7.30 pm**

**“Christians and Jews -the history of a relationship”**

Rev. Bruce Thompson

(Methodist Minister – Wantage & Abingdon Circuit)

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 19 November 2024

Visitor's Subscription £5

# Building a Generous Church

*The Stewardship Team*

Being a member of the Christian Church is not a private vocation but involves belonging to a group of people who accept the Word of God as the most important guide to living together and worshipping our Heavenly Father. The Church as an institution, and this Parish of St Matthew, relies upon our response to God's generosity as the only way to sustain, deepen and extend our life together. That life is not ours alone but demands service to the whole people of God, whether in the Church or without, and this may require our time and talents as well as our financial resources. This is what we mean by Stewardship, and the Church of England has chosen to focus on this in the months of September and October under the theme of 'Building A Generous Church'.

Through the coming weeks we will have the opportunity to learn more together and to reflect upon how we respond to the need to build a generous Church, both individually and collectively. In preparing to think about our response, we may focus on the acronym 'MINT' ~ Means, Impact, Need and Trust.

**Means** – At St Matthew's most members of our Stewardship scheme find it convenient to use the 'Parish Giving Scheme' of direct debit from one's bank account (which can be set up via our giving webpage) or weekly envelopes in the collection plate, but in recent years we have introduced other ways of giving, including the donation box and a payment device for bank cards at the back of church (helpful for visitors) and QR codes printed in the orders of service.

**Impact** – The importance of Stewardship is better understood if we are fully aware of the impact that it will have on the Church's ministry and mission. Impact is about how we are realising our vision as a Church, such as bringing more people to Christ, supporting vulnerable people or creating a sense of community cohesion in the Parish. Once we understand better what we can do together, we can think of new and creative ways to spread the Gospel.

**Need** – Our response to God's generosity can be encouraged through a proper understanding of need, not only in terms of money but also of our mission of service to the wider community around St Matthew's. Sustaining and developing our daily and weekly worship, providing a place for the

celebration of the great festivals such as Easter and Christmas, and being here for life events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, are all part of this.

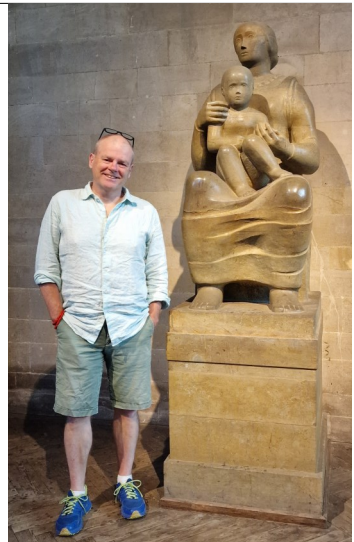
**Trust** – The resources that we have, both personal and financial, ultimately come from our Heavenly Father and we have each been entrusted with our share. If we seek to utilise the time and talents that we have within the Parish, we must show to those who give that we are wise stewards of their generosity and that their giving is being used productively and appropriately.

Over the course of the next few weeks you will find more information about this initiative being made available in the pewsheet and the orders of service. If you would like to know more in the meantime, you would be most welcome to approach any member of the Stewardship Team (Donald Cran - Treasurer, Polly Matthews – Stewardship Recorder, Gary and Dave the Churchwardens, and David Waller).

## A Curious Incident...

Many of you will have read, or seen on stage the adaptation of, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon, the novel he is best known for, and which is written from the perspective of an autistic teenager. Perhaps you are also aware that Mark was born and grew up in Northampton.

Mark Haddon is also an artist and illustrator and on Friday 9 August visited St Matthew's to photograph the Henry Moore *Madonna and Child* and the Graham Sutherland *Crucifixion* which will both feature in a future project he's keeping under wraps for the moment.



Anita our Parish Administrator was delighted to show him into the church and took a photo of him for the magazine.

Hopefully when his new project comes to fruition, we will be able to give you insider details!



## Almost there...

Avid readers of the weekly pewsheet will hopefully know by now that **Saturday 14 September**, amongst other things happening at St Matthew's that day, is **Ride+Stride for Churches**.

It's 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!

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 COVID-19 in 2020 managed to stop it! Last year, with your help, we at St Matthew's raised £355, 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 still two ways you can join in:**

- ❖ You can **walk** or **cycle** on a route of Northampton churches taking part – and enjoy a fun and sociable day and see interesting places of worship that may not normally be open except for services.
- ❖ You can **sponsor** us with money – please do! Note that we donate 'en masse' for the riders/striders/recorders – all help equally.

Thankfully I do have the volunteers to **man** St Matthew's (we'll be open between 10.00am and 2.00pm) and we will be welcoming and recording others visiting our church.

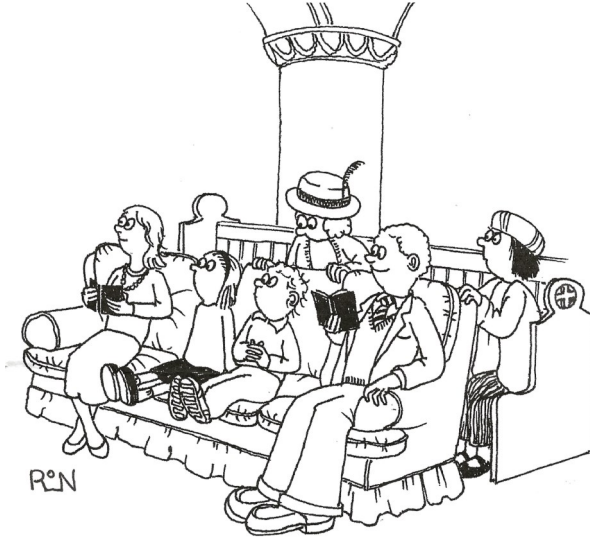
But if you liked the idea of that and are feeling desperately disappointed, then Gary would love you to help welcome the visitors drawn in by the **Heritage Weekend**.

### **There's still time to help!**

Register your interest in walking/cycling 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...!). Please indicate whether you would like to gift aid – which will go to NHCT.

***Thank you in anticipation!***

*Dorrie Parker*



*Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class*

Contributed by Subie Fonseca (nicked from another Parish Magazine)

## Weekday Scripture Readings for September

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 <sup>nd</sup>	Haggai 1	Mark 7.9-23
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Proverbs 21.1-18	Mark 6.30-44
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hosea 11.1-11	1 John 4.9-end
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Lamentations 3.34-48	Romans 7.14-end
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 19.4-18	1 Thessalonians 3
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 29.2-15	2 Timothy 3.10-end
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Job 12.1-16	Matthew 15.1-9
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 8.1-11	Luke 6.39-end
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 2.1-15	Colossians 1.9-20
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 1.1-13	John 1.1-18
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 7.7-16	1 Corinthians 1.18-end
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 63.1-16	1 Corinthians 1.18-25
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 21.1-13	Luke 1.26-38
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth 4.7-17	Luke 2.25-38
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 4.1-7	John 2.1-11
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 4.25 <i>b</i> -37	Mark 3.19 <i>b</i> -35
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 33.13-17	Matthew 6.19-end
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Ecclesiastes 5.4-12	Matthew 19.16-end
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Exodus 19.16-end	Hebrews 12.18-end
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chronicles 16.1-13	Revelation 11.15-end
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	1 Chronicles 29.10-19	Colossians 3.12-17
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Nehemiah 8.1-12	1 Corinthians 14.1-12
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 1.10-17	Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	2 Kings 6.8-17	Matthew 18.1-6, 10
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	2 Samuel 22.4-7, 17-20	Hebrews 7.26-8.6

## HAMPER OF HOPE

This term Essence, Alexis, Marhi and Libby who are all Young Leaders at Monday Rainbows and Brownies, are undertaking a project with the girls - 'Hamper of Hope'. This is to collect items for the food bank this Harvest - are you able to help? Can you bring in a couple of items each week between 1 September and 6 October? The donation will be sent on behalf of 'St Matthew's Harvest Festival'. A basket will be placed at the back of Church or donations can be left at the Parish Centre.

Across the UK last year, well over a million emergency food packages were given out to adults and children in need.

The foodbank offers help to local people in crisis, who are often referred by specialist agencies such as social services, GP surgeries, schools, care centres and probation teams. We would be grateful if you could help with our collection for this worthwhile cause.

In-date tinned and packaged food, including:

microwaveable puddings;

pasta sauces;

rice;

shower gel;

snack bars;

tea bags;

tinned fruit;

baby food;

biscuits;

cereals;

dried pasta;

instant coffee;

long-life fruit juice;

long-life milk;

tinned meat and fish;

tinned puddings;

tinned soup;

tinned vegetables;

toiletries;

toilet rolls;

vegetarian options.





## **32<sup>nd</sup> St Matthew's Multi-Aged Girlguiding**

*Mandy Ludlow*

The end of term finally arrived, and we all made it to the end and were still standing!

We try and have a fun evening for our last night of the academic year, and this year we had a 'Baby Party'. Last October we were all ready to have a Baby Shower for Yasmin aka 'Sweep' as she was expecting her first baby; however, her Mum had been taken poorly at the end of August and sadly passed away just three weeks before baby Freya was born. It was not appropriate to have a party at that time, baby shower or otherwise, so we decided we would postpone it until the end of the academic year.

The Parish Centre was bedecked in pink balloons, the girls played 'pin the dummy on the baby', baby bingo and had a photo booth with appropriate props, the latter proving a great favourite. We all enjoyed the usual party food – sausage rolls, pizza, chicken nuggets and things-on-sticks, crisps and crackers, followed by chocolate rolls and party rings. Lots of fun was had especially as Freya came to the party too, and who can resist a cute baby along with her daddy, Tom? The girls made a presentation to Yasmin of some flowers and a voucher. The end of the evening was rounded off by the girls making ice cream sundaes to take home.

With the holidays now started, it does not mean that Guiding for the leaders stops. I made the decision that I really needed to sort out my Guiding 'stuff'... how had I accumulated so much?! There were boxes and bags in the dining room, files in the lounge and in the summerhouse; there is a tallboy cupboard and two sets of stacking drawers, not to mention the boxes. The task has taken days rather than hours but slowly it is coming together, and I am beginning to see the wood for the trees and the dining room floor. It might be questioned, is everything necessary? It takes time putting the programme resources together and I laminate them so that they can be kept for use on more than one occasion, so in the long run yes, it is, it saves time and resources.

Café Guides will be back in September after the All Age Service, do come and try our new line, jacket potatoes – we now have a potato baking oven. There's a lot of people who come to the Service who live on their own – so do stay and have some lunch, and chat with others – we look forward to seeing you.



# It's a girl



## Café Guides Recipe for September

Tastier (and cheaper!) than a naughty takeaway, and simple to make. Sweet, salty, crispy, sticky and a little bit spicy. Something for all the family, children and adults alike. Serve with either plain boiled rice or egg fried rice and prawn crackers.

*Serves 4*

### Crispy Sesame Chicken with a Sticky Asian Sauce

#### *Ingredients*

- 5 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 tbsp cornflour
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- ½ tsp garlic salt (available from Tesco or Waitrose)
- 2 tsp paprika
- 3 chicken breasts, chopped into bite sized pieces

#### *For the sauce*

- 1 tbsp sesame oil – optional, you can leave it out and just sprinkle seeds at the end if you prefer
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1 tbsp Chinese rice wine vinegar, white wine vinegar will work too
- 2 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp sweet chilli sauce – use more or less depending on how spicy you like it
- 3 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 4 tbsp soy sauce

**Note:** Double the sauce ingredients if you want extra sauce, rather than just coating the chicken.

#### *To serve*

- rice – plain boiled or egg fried
- 2 tbsp sesame seeds
- small bunch spring onions, chopped

#### *Method*

1. Heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan until very hot
2. Whilst the oil is heating, place the egg in one shallow bowl and the

- cornflour in another shallow bowl. Add the flour, salt, pepper, garlic salt and paprika to another shallow bowl and mix together well.
3. Dredge the chicken in the cornflour, then dip in the egg (make sure all of the chicken is covered in the egg wash), and finally dip it into the seasoned flour. Add to the wok and cook for 6-7 minutes, turning two or three times during the cooking, until well browned. You may need to cook in two batches. Remove from the pan and place in a bowl lined with kitchen towels.
  4. Add all the sauce ingredients to the wok, stir and bubble on a high heat until the sauce reduces by about a third (should take about 1-2 minutes). Add the chicken back in and toss in the sauce to coat. Cook for 1-2 minutes.
  5. Turn off the heat and divide between four bowls. Serve with your chosen rice and top with sesame seeds and spring onions.

## **Special Fried Rice**

### *Ingredients*

- 900 ml water
- 600 g long grain rice, not easy cook rice
- 2 ½ tbsp vegetable oil
- 5 rashers of streaky bacon sliced into 1 inch pieces
- 1 onion peeled and diced
- 1 red pepper deseeded and chopped
- 1 green pepper deseeded and chopped
- 1 red chilli chopped finely (optional)
- 1 green chilli chopped finely (optional)
- 2 cloves garlic peeled and crushed
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp dark soy sauce
- ¼ tsp salt
- juice of ½ a lemon
- 1 tsp sesame oil (optional)

### *Method*

1. Bring the water to a boil and pour in the rice (no need to rinse). Give it a stir so that the rice is covered by the water, put a lid on the pan and cook for 20 minutes on the lowest heat.
2. After 20 minutes, take the lid off and spread out the rice onto a tray or large dish. Leave to cool, uncovered for 20-30 minutes (until room temperature), then cover with clingfilm and place in the fridge until you're ready to use (make sure you use the rice within 24 hours).

3. When you're ready to make the rice, heat ½ tbsp. of the oil in a large wok. Add the bacon to the wok and fry on a high heat until the bacon is crispy. Spoon the bacon into a bowl.
4. Add the remaining oil to the pan and then add the onion. Cook, stirring regularly on a medium heat for 5 minutes until the onions are starting to turn soft and translucent. Add in the red and green peppers, the red and green chillies and the garlic. Cook for a further 2 minutes.
5. Now add the rice and cook on a high heat. Use a spatula to ensure the rice doesn't stick to the bottom of the pan, and move the rice around so that it's all getting reheated.
6. Once the rice is hot (this will take about 5 minutes), push the rice over to the side of the pan and crack the two eggs in the space. Add a little splash of the soy sauce.
7. Making sure the part of the wok with the eggs in is over the heat, fry the eggs, giving a mix with the spatula until the egg starts to cook and look scrambled. Now mix the egg into the rice. Add the bacon back in. Pour in the soy sauce and salt and mix it all together until the bacon is hot.
8. Squirt in the lemon juice, stir and taste. Add a little more lemon juice if required. You can also add in the sesame oil at this point if using.

## Friends of St Matthew's Music **100+ Club**

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

Number **87**, held by **Chris Ludford-Thomas**



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](mailto:jonathan.starmer@yahoo.com)

*Jonathan Starmer*

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## NEW OPENING TIMES

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** 5.00pm - 11.00pm  
**Wednesday:** 5.00pm - 11.00pm  
**Thursday:** 5.00pm - 12.00am  
**Friday:** 4.00pm - 12.00am  
**Saturday:** 3.00pm - 12.00am  
**Sunday:** 3.00pm - 11.00pm

### 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!**



## 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](mailto:magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk)

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*PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE  
SERVING IN THE CHURCH.*

*We are now able to take card payments*

The Parish Church of St Matthew

**Sunday**  
**15 September**  
Battle of Britain Sunday

10.15am  
**All Age Mass**  
for the Parish Family





The Parish Church of St Matthew

**Saturday**  
**21 September**  
**St MATTHEW**  
**Patronal Festival**



The Parish Church of St Matthew

**Sunday**  
**22 September**  
**131st**  
**FESTIVAL of**  
**DEDICATION**



The Parish Church of St Matthew

**Sunday**  
**29 September**  
**MICHAELMAS**



The Parish Church of St Matthew

**Sunday**  
**6 October**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**10.15am**  
**All Age Mass**  
**for the Parish Family**





The Parish Church of St Matthew

THE RON GATES

# ORGAN RECITAL

Tom Moore *Director of Music*

Saturday  
21 September

at 7.00pm

Music from the British Isles and France

*Free entry, with a retiring collection*

**Sunday 6 October 2024**

**Songs  
of Praise**



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

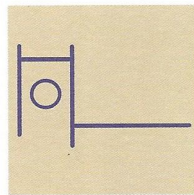
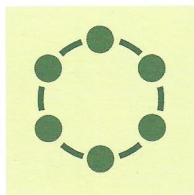
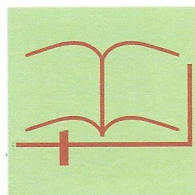
There are two methods of payment available: by a banker's direct debit or by weekly-numbered envelopes via the collection plate. The amount that you give is entirely confidential and is known only to the lay people who administer the Scheme.

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

Polly Matthews

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