

St Matthews

The newspaper of St Matthew's Church, Oxford

September 2024

We're having a garden party to celebrate St Matthew's Day.
Please come

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH

garden party

FREE

live music

lawn games

relax in the garden.
meet your neighbours and enjoy

book sale

refreshments

bring cakes to share

prizes for the best!

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SUNDAY 22 SEPT
2.30pm - 4.30pm

discover our plans for the new Eco Church Project
meet local environment groups | messy church from 3pm - 4pm
info: clowdca@es@msi.com

What's on at St Matthew's



Do you get hungry on Thursdays? Well, come to our free

Community Lunch!

Every Thursday.

We open at 11.30 am for hot drinks.

Food served from 12 noon to 1 pm.

(No booking required)



We run our Messy Church once a month on Sunday afternoons.

The next one is 22nd September at 3 pm.

It's for all the family.

Come along and try it!

... and we also have an English language class on Tuesday mornings. Try it! Pop along at 9 am. No charge.

We know it's really far, far, far too early to be thinking about Christmas, but even so you might like to save this date to avoid any possible disappointment:

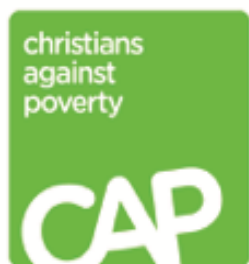
Our community drama group SOMATA presents:

'A Christmas Cracker'

Saturday, December 14th at 4.30pm.

A tea-time treat for all the family!

Where to find help, if you (or someone you know) needs it:



Are you struggling with your money?

We have a debt centre, here in Oxford, which runs in conjunction with the national charity, Christians Against Poverty.

If you, or anyone you know, are struggling with money problems, then Christians Against Poverty can help you.

Call for free help and advice.

0800 328 0006

or 07918 599255



Or maybe you sometimes feel lonely? Loneliness affects millions of people across the UK.

If it's you, or someone you know, when you need more than just a chat, you can call Archway on 01865 790552.

The Archway Foundation is a registered charity providing support to alleviate the hurt and distress, and the impact on mental and physical health, which can be caused by loneliness and social isolation.

Our church hall is big and available, including (of course!) kitchen and toilet facilities.

Lots of activities take place there every week, including:

- **Dance classes**
- **Pilates**
- **Children's parties**
- **etc.**

If you might like to use it, please let us know. It is available for hire at (we think!) reasonable rates.

**Call Katharine in the office to enquire and talk about bookings.
01865 798587**

Want to help us? Position vacant

Since Naomi left us to get married and has moved away, we need someone to head up our children's and young people's work.

So we are currently recruiting for a new full-time worker to join our parish team and look after our under-18s.

For further details, please call the parish office: 01865 798587.

Feel like praying?

Prayer (holding a conversation directly with Almighty God) is a great privilege and all Christians take it very seriously.

We would love it if you felt able to join us in prayer, either at home or in church. Particular prayer needs at the moment are:

- **Various sick people who we know;**
- **How to reach out and serve our parish better;**
- **The plans we have for making our premises greener.**

Please join us in praying for these (and other) things. We have a weekly prayer meeting in church, on Tuesdays at 6.45 pm, or you can join on Zoom at the same time.

If you have any matters which you would like us to pray for, please let us know; we will pray for them at our weekly prayer meeting and (if you confirm that this is OK) we will include them in the next issue of St Matthnews.

Small ads: Can we have your help and advice please?

We are wondering whether or not to include small ads in future editions of St Matthnews. Please let us know your views though, of course, we can't promise to please everyone! For this issue, we just offer you a couple of blanks.

Your comments, please.

Items for Sale

Items Wanted

Speedy-boy!

Our own David Crouch has just competed in the World Masters Athletics Championships in both the 100m and 200m events for men aged over 75. He was 5th and 6th respectively **in the world!**

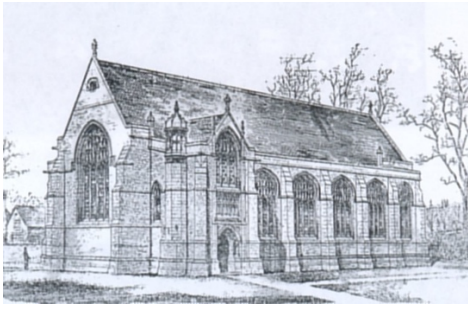
Ask him to tell you all about it – if you can catch him!

On a slightly more relaxing note, you might like to try this:

Margaret and I recently went on a tour round the Mini factory in Oxford. It costs £17, but we both thought it was really fascinating. You might like to try it yourself.

John Price.





Church Information

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Sunday services	10.30 am and 6.00 pm
Mondays	8.15 pm. Meditation meeting
Tuesdays	9.00 am: English language class 6.45 pm: Prayer meeting
Thursdays	11.00 am: Holy Communion 11.30 am: Community lunch

Who's Who at St Matthew's

Vicar:	Jenni Williams
Associate vicar	Jon Williams
Associate vicar	Mike Rayner
Curate:	Rob Rogers
Administrator:	Katharine Crouch
Church Warden:	Peter Buchan-Symons
Church Warden:	Jane Jones
Secretary:	Nicky Rayner
Treasurer:	David Crouch
Stewardship:	Carolyn Lloyd-Davies
Pioneer Mission Worker:	Laura Evans
Families Worker	Jo Hutchence

St Matthnews is the news-sheet of St Matthew's Church, Oxford.

Please contact me (John Price at john@pricejd.com)...

- if you have any comments to make about this issue; we love to get feed-back
- or if you have items to include in the next issue (our vicar, Jenni, reserves the final right to decide whether or not to accept matters for publication)