



St Matthew's Church,
Stretton
and
St Cross Church,
Appleton Thorn



Sunday 2 September 2018 - Trinity 14

Today's Services:

	St Matthew's	St Cross
8:00 AM	Holy Communion	
10:30 AM	Holy Communion Baptism	All-Age Worship
6:30 PM	BCP Evening Prayer	

Today's Readings:

Morning: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-end; Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23
 Evening: Exodus 12:21-27; Matthew 4:23-5:20

Next Sunday's Services (9 September 2018 / Trinity 15):

8:00 AM	Holy Communion (RM) Warden: Richard Johnson; Sidesperson / Reader: Mary Blackshaw	
	St Matthew's	St Cross
	Morning Worship (AH)	Holy Communion (RM)
10:30 AM	Warden: John Homer Sidespersons: Carol Rylett Musician: Catherine Edwards Readers: Richard Blackwell, Louise Clare	Warden: David Shaw Sidesperson(s): David Rose, Sandra Bates Musician: David Wheeler Reader(s): David Rose
6:30 PM	BCP Evening Prayer (RM) Warden: Muscian: Stephen Reynolds Reader(s): Shirley Riddell; Val Fryer	

For your prayers, please:

Those being baptised – Hudson (today at St Matthew's)

September

4th	Tuesday	10.30AM 2.00PM	Coffee Morning Bible Study	St Cross
5th	Wednesday	10.30AM	Coffee Morning	St Matthew's
5th	Wednesday	10.30AM	Holy Communion	St Cross
6th	Thursday	10:30 AM	Holy Communion	St Matthew's

Notices

Bible Study

We usually meet at St Cross at 2:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month for an informal bible study. After a summer break, we are starting again on Tuesday 4th September. You don't need to be a bible scholar; everyone is welcome. Come for bible study and stay for a cup of tea if you can!

English Village Life

On Friday 14th September at 8.00pm at St Cross Church we will be holding a talk on English Village Life from 1750-present day. This is the third talk by Stuart Eliot.

Donations to Church Funds.

David and Sandra - Churchwardens

St Cross Festival / Confirmation

On Sunday 16th September, we look forward to welcoming Bishop Peter, the bishop of Chester, to a service at St Cross to celebrate Holy Cross day. The service is at 3:00 PM and will see a number of candidates being confirmed. Please note that there will be no morning service at St Cross on the day and join us if you can.

Macmillan Coffee Morning.

I'm sorry but I am unable to do the Macmillan coffee morning on the 28th. September and therefore had to cancel it.

Thank you for your support.

Sylvia x

Find us on Facebook:

@stmatthewschurchstretton

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Church Family Extravaganza

We are planning a CHURCH FAMILY EXTRAVAGANZA on Sunday 23rd September as part of the celebrations for the St Matthew's Festival Weekend. This will take place in the school hall from 3.30pm-5pm and will include worship, crafts, games and refreshments suitable for families with pre-school or primary aged children. Please contact Ruth if you are able to help with crafts or refreshments.

Macmillan coffee morning

A Macmillan coffee morning will be held in the Ring o' bells pub Stretton on Saturday 8th September from 10.30 am. All ages welcome.

St Matthew's Church Hall 300 Club

This is a scheme to raise money towards the maintenance of the Church Hall and to ensure that its appearance is kept up to a standard appropriate for its many purposes. The hall is in use almost every day, either by pre-school groups, the Link Club, and other church organisations, committee meetings and for children's parties when available. We plan to redecorate the inside of the hall and also renew window coverings this summer.

Members of the club buy shares at £5 each, up to a maximum of 5 shares per person, and renew their membership in July. Two draws each year are made, one during October and another at the Church Autumn Fair. There have been 4 prizes at each draw, the maximum prize being £100. The results of the draws are published in the Parish Magazine and all members are individually informed by letter.

The Club was formed in 1994 and since then has donated £13,059 to the Church Hall Appeal Fund and distributed the same amount in prizes. It is run by a committee who would like to thank all members for their generous support.

New members are always welcome and anyone wishing to do so should contact the under-signed or any committee member.

David Hart

Kneeler/Tapestry Sewing Group

We are a small group who meet informally on the first and third Thursday afternoons of each month from 2-4.00pm in St Matthew's Church Hall.

New members and visitors are always welcome to call in and see what we are doing, or bring their own knitting, needlework or craft work. We also have colouring books or jigsaws if you prefer, or just call in for a chat, a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Our next meetings are on the 6th and 20th September.

Margaret Hart

Autumn Fayre

Could you all please note that this year's Autumn Fayre will take place on Saturday 10th November in St Matthew's School Hall. The teas will be served in St Matthew's Church Hall. Many thanks to all of you who help in so many ways to make this such a pleasant afternoon.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm for all who are interested in helping at this year's Fayre. This will be held in the Church Hall, tea, cakes and wine and nibbles will be provided.

Many thanks

Laura (264881)

Why Join the Electoral Roll?

Joining the electoral roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to St Matthew's and to the vision of the church. It also opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church of England at Parish, Deanery, Diocesan and national levels. By joining, you will become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for:

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

Any person entitled to attend the APCM may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the Electoral Roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you are a regular at St Matthew's, you should be on the Electoral Roll.

Please note that being on the Electoral Roll does not necessarily mean that you will be inveigled into becoming a member of the PCC. It could happen though if we like the look of you - the choice will be yours!

To qualify for the Roll, you must be 16yrs of age, baptised and a member of the Church of England who either lives in the parish or has regularly attended worship at St Matthew's over the last 6 months. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me:

Richard Johnson Electoral Roll Officer

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LGN Community Choir at St Matthew's

The LGN Community Choir is a friendly, lively choir set up in 2008 with the aim of attracting singers in the Lowton, Golborne, Newton & surrounding areas to meet in a friendly environment and enjoy singing together. As part of their 10th anniversary celebrations, they are performing a concert at St Matthew's at 5:00 PM on Friday 5th October. The choir gets rave reviews from those who have heard them, and, by way of recommendation, one of their accompanists is none other than David Wheeler! Please join us for an enjoyable occasion.

Children's Society News

House boxes

Thanks to everyone who has handed in their house boxes for counting – so far I've paid in £350, but I'm still happy to hear from you.

Quiz

A fundraising quiz with the usual raffle has been arranged for Friday 19 October at 7pm in St Matthew's church hall. Teams of 4 (ideal number!), bring your own nibbles/drinks, just £2 per person. Raffle donations most welcome. Don't forget there is also a paper quiz, circulated by Curate Ruth, the deadline for submission is 2 September.

St Matthew's Worship Survey

We are trying to find out what people think of services at St Matthew's.

- What would make it easier for you to attend?
- How might we improve what we offer?

The 10 questions in our survey shouldn't take more than about 5 minutes to complete and will help us to plan for the future. The survey is anonymous, so feel free to let us know what you think.

To take the survey, either visit the link below or use a QR reader on your phone to read the QR code printed here:



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