

24th March 2019

**Please join us after the service
for coffee/ tea/ toast in the Lounge**

Services this week:

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| Today | 4.00pm | Adult Confirmation Preparation |
| Tuesday | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| | 7.00pm | Lent Study Eucharist |
| Wednesday | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| Thursday | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| | 10am | Eucharist followed by coffee |
| Friday | 9.15am | Morning Prayer & Eucharist |



**Friendly
Friday Café**
Every Friday
11am – 2pm
In the Lounge

NEXT SUNDAY: Mothering Sunday

10am Eucharist (Children's Liturgy) with daffs for all

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Sick and Those in Need:

MON Jane Backhouse, Ann Ryan, Beryl Murray, Pat Buffery, Andrew & Gail and Robin, Diane Brownhill, Bill Joyce, Pam & Bill.

TUE Oakley Cutajar, Michael Nenes, Martin & Marilyn Wall, Sarah Hollender, Sheila & Charlie Rooke, Susan Davies, Corinna Nichols, David & Anne Gadd, Evelyn Fulford.

WED Mary and Robert Dunbar, Janet Coleman, Emma Hollis, Joanne Orchison, Jacqueline & Peter Roberts, Adrian Roberts, Julie Hope.

THR Peter Conabeer, Natasha Ridgeway, Adrian & Jayne Middleton, Tracy Weir, Mark Smith, Gina Yates, Vera Lines, Narindra Singh, Liz Hinett, Inis Ridgeway.

FRI Sue Kyte, Pat Evans, June Ramsay, Marion and Chelsea Townsend, Ruby Matthews, Shirley Woodley, Robert Taylor, Linda Hope, Terry Baxter.

SAT Dorothy Lawrence, Janet Jarrett, Justine Hatfield, Alice O'Toole, Samantha Clarkson, Karen Smith, Hettie Kerr, Keith Breakwell, Tony Pickard

The Departed Sam Dolphin, Doreen Watson, Paul Lightfoot

Lent Course on the Gospels Last Tue. Evening this week

7pm here at St Matthew's – Gospel of St Luke, led by Revd Sarah Cooper). Final session next Saturday morning 30th March at St John's, 10.30 – 12.30, which will include soup lunch. All welcome at either or both of these, even if you haven't been to the earlier ones.

Meetings

Fabric & Finance this Wed. 27th Mar. 5.30

PCC – sorry, another date change – can we do Thur. 4 April at 7pm??

New Electoral Roll This year EVERYBODY needs to re-enroll. Please complete a form and return it to Ann Harrison **BY 7 APRIL**.

Confirmation 2019 Corpus Christi, Thur. 20 June at 7.30pm. Now's the time to be enquiring if you are an adult or young person (10+) interested in Confirmation (including Baptism for those who need it.) See Fr. Adam or call him on 07913891221.

Adult Preparation Sessions - today 4-5pm (and fortnightly) *Sunday 7 April at 4pm will be a "Passover" gathering including all recently confirmed, and newcomers to the congregation.*

Parish Easter Cards Cards are available and we'd like to deliver them before next Sun. (31st). More help always needed ...

Remember CLOCKS forward NEXT SUNDAY (31st)

Parish Annual Meeting Sunday 28 April, after church. This year we are compiling a booklet of brief individual reports on all aspects of our Parish life. Reports to Ann Harrison please as soon as possible.

Children's Society Boxes The Children's Society is the Church of England's principal charity helping families in trouble. Many of us support it by having a collecting box through the year. If you'd like a box, please see Lal. If you already have a box, please return it to Lal to be emptied. Thank you.

Food Bank - Thanks for donations & keep them coming!

They especially need long life milk, sugar, tinned meats and toiletries.

Fundraising for Christian Aid This year we have decided to discontinue door-to-door envelope collecting, which will be a relief to those who have faithfully persevered with it. Medals all round! Instead, we are planning a programme of fundraising social events. Please mark these dates on your calendar (or diary or phone or whatever) and don't miss them. Let's have fun and raise some funds! They are all Saturday evening events, except of course the breakfast.

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| Sat. 11th May | Beetle Drive |
| Sat. 8th June | Skittles |
| Sat. 15th June | Big Breakfast at Baptist Church |
| Sat. 29th June | Quiz |



“Embrace the Middle East” Another charity that St Matthew’s has supported for many years, thanks to the Sunday School, which committed itself to give £20 a month for a “sponsored child” in the Bethlehem area. This work goes on and it is all the more important that we continue our support, in these troubled times for the Middle East. Please give donations to Janet Cook, to sustain our monthly commitment.