

# **St Matthew's Weekly Newsletter**

## **13 September 2020 - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- **After reviewing the latest Covid-19 restrictions we have decided to cancel next week's special Services.**

Services for this weekend and next week will continue as planned, but the services planned for St. Matthews tide, 20th September, will be cancelled and the regular 10:30 phone in and 4 pm Said Eucharist in Church will be substituted. Hopefully Fr. Douglas Machiridza will be able to participate in one or both services.

- **The Vicar will be on leave until 17 September**

Phone-ins will continue almost entirely as usual. But the services in church will be limited to one weekday Mass and one Sunday afternoon Mass, as follows:

Sunday 13 September 4pm (Fr Barrie Scott)

Friday 18 September 12noon (Fr Adam) .

- **Remember online giving!** Once again thanks to all those who have been able to maintain their giving through the lockdown. We mustn't forget our charity giving too: now there is the opportunity to give to St Luke's Hospital, Malawi and "Embrace the Middle East" (formerly "Sponsored Child") via the online giving on the website.
- **Individual Prayer in church – modified times**  
**Now 10am-11am Tue. – Fri.**  
The office is open as usual on weekday mornings.  
Please phone 360 6964 for access to church.
- **Revision of Parish Electoral Roll, in preparation for the Parish Annual Meeting:**  
The Electoral Roll is the church's official membership list and you need to be on it to be a PCC member or office-holder. A new roll was compiled last year and you may remember filling in a form to put yourself on the roll. If you didn't, or if you want to check, please contact Ann in the office (0121 360 6964). Or if you're new, please ring to get a form to put yourself on the roll now. Closing date to update the roll before the Annual Meeting is 5 October.

## PHONE-IN SERVICES

The established pattern will continue:

Brief Daily Evening Prayers: Tue. – Fri. at 8pm

Except the Sunday Service will be at 3:30 pm

Please join in good time for the services\*\*\* - the facilities will be available for 15 minutes before the service starts

ring 0333 011 0616,

and then when it asks for the code enter 1499 488#

(the voice asks for a pound sign but it means #)

and you will then be connected to the group

**If you want to read the full Church of England guidance (including face coverings) for services, it's at:**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

## On-Line Giving

During these difficult times the Church is sustained by the Parish Giving Scheme (the direct debit scheme, and we thank all those who have maintained their regular giving in this way! **If you are interested in joining, please contact Ann in the office on 0121 360 6964 – leave a message and Ann will call you**), but for those who aren't able to benefit from this scheme, we have set up an on-line giving facility to allow you to donate by Credit or Debit Card. The service is easy to use, and allows either suggested donation amounts, or you can specify your preferred amount. You can also add a few details to allow us to claim an extra 25% gift aid. If you are able to use this via a credit card you may need your Securecode to authorise the transaction. Click [here](#) to donate.

Initially this service will be used for general parish purposes (sustaining the ministry of our Parish), but as we gain in experience of using it, it may be extended to support some of our other charitable work.

The prayer list is below, to add anyone to the prayer list contact the vicar or notify the church via e'mail at the prayer address below.

## **ST. MATTHEW'S PRAYER LIST**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

#### **The Sick and Those in Need:**

- MON** Dorothy Lawrence, Janet Jarrett, Samantha Clarkson, Karen Smith, Hettie Kerr, Tony Pickard, Dai & Lal Gravell, Doreen Coles, Stella & Nigel
- TUE** Ann Ryan, Beryl Murray, Andrew & Gail, Pam & Bill, Paul Bardsley, Terry Baxter, Barbara Linley, Colin, Judith, Brenda Dunn
- WED** Martin & Marilyn Wall, Sarah Hollender, Charlie Rooke, Susan Davies, Corinna Nichols, David & Anne Gadd, Evelyn Fulford
- THR** Robert Dunbar, Janet Coleman, Emma Hollis, John & Barbara Boot, Peter and Gwen Smart, Jacqueline & Peter Roberts, Adrian Roberts, John & Julie Hope
- FRI** Peter Conabeer, Natasha Ridgeway, Adrian & Jayne Middleton, Tracy Weir, Mark Smith, Gina Yates, Vera Lines, Narindra Singh, Liz Hinett, Inis Ridgeway
- SAT** Joan Farr, Pat Evans, June Ramsay, Marion and Chelsea Townsend, Ruby Matthews, Shirley Woodley, Robert Taylor, Linda Hope

#### **The Departed**

Charlie Lay

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