

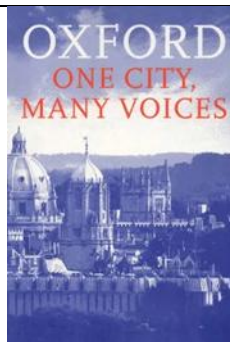
St Matthew's Auction of Promises in aid of the Refresh Appeal (Parish Centre Refurbishment)

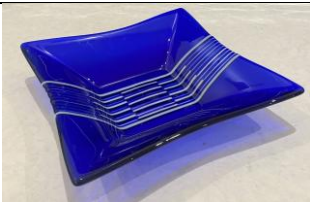
Friday 21st November 2025

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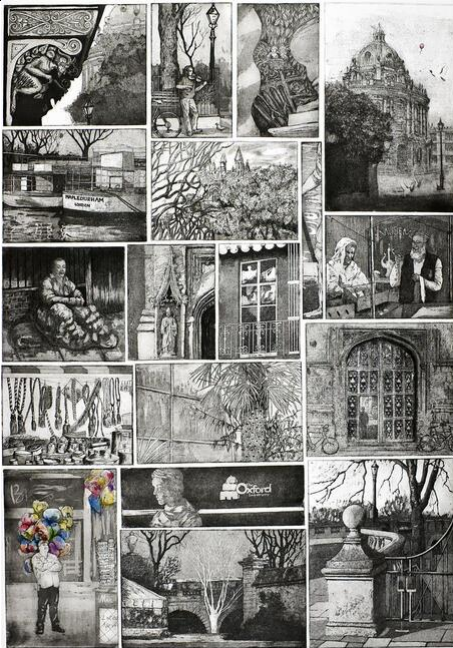
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LOT No.	DESCRIPTION	OFFERED BY	ESTIMATE
1	Christmas cake (7,8,9 inches) - can be adapted for allergies etc.	Katharine Crouch	£20-£40
2	Clean your car; inside and out; spotless; guaranteed satisfaction	John Price	£20-£40
3	Winter lunch or supper for 7 guests – New Hinksey. Your choice of menu, allergies catered for, wines and drinks included	Michael Mowat	£50-£100
4	Tour of University Church & afternoon cream tea for two offered by official guide	John Demeger	£25-£60
5	Organisation of personal book collection 3-4 hrs	Amy Buchan-Symons	£20-£60
6	Book: "Oxford One city, many voices" created by homeless people from the Gatehouse in 2004, alongside some big names from the Literary Festival. It features stories and memories about life in Oxford. For more details see: https://janiehampton.co.uk/books/oxford-one-city-many-voices/	Andrew Smith	£5-£15
7	Visit to Keble College to view the Light of the World & refreshments in Lamb and Flag max.4 people	John Stobbs	£20-£40



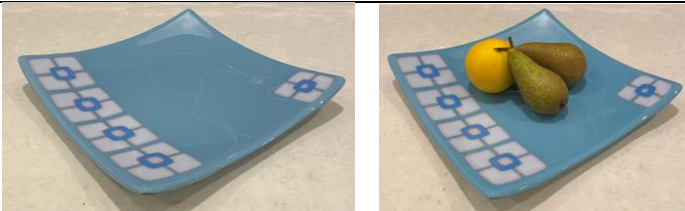
8	3 course paella supper with wine for 6 people - Abingdon	Fiona & Peter Tickler	£50-£120
9	Very large RHS garden lantern, approx. 2 feet tall; takes large candles (included). Bottle of wine and poppies – not included...for scale purposes only 	Mike & Nicky Rayner	£15-£40
10	2-3 nights in delightful cottage in the Cotswold village of Blockley – for 2 people, Dates negotiable with the owners. For further details see bottom of this document 	Robin and Sally Cooper	£150-£300
11	Homemade cake - chocolate, carrot or lemon drizzle to order	Fiona & Peter Tickler	£5-£15
12	Two bottles of wine	Jane Jones	£10-£15
13	From page to stage - how to write a stage play - 2 half day workshops offered by local playwright, Carolyn Lloyd-Davies	Carolyn Lloyd-Davies	£50-£100
14	Chocolate roulade (gluten free) - can be frozen	Margaret Price	£10-£20
15	1 hour dance lesson - introduction to Balboa swing dance – for 2 people	Martin & Sue Allaby	£10-£40
16	Film-themed evening including 3 course meal with wine for 4 people (South Oxford). Do you fancy Ratatouille followed by Chocolat? Do you want to sample Babette's Feast or play Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? At least three film-themed courses, topped off with film-related garnish.	Simon Haynes & Laura Evans	£80-£120
17	One hand-made glass bowl (Photo with orange to give an idea of scale)  	Lucy Jenkins	£30-£100

18	A loaf of sourdough bread made for you	Greg Colyer	£2-£6
19	A pair of hand-knitted socks in soft Merino wool, made to your specification and your choice of yarn	Jackie Wilderspin	£20-£40
20	Circle of Gainsborough - a trio of late-18th/early-19th century English school landscape watercolours in period frames, glazed; unsigned. Frames measure 54cm by 44cm (21" by 17").	Rupert Griffiths	£30-£60
			
21	Guided history tour for up to 15 people offered by local historian, Liz Woolley. See: http://lizwoolley.co.uk/guide-d-walks for list of tours available. Example – “Beer, sausages and marmalade: Food, drink, politics and tourism in nineteenth-century Oxford”. 	Liz Woolley	£75-£150
22	Hamper of goodies from SW France – includes one bottle of Gaillac red wine (Labarthe - Cuvée Guillaume 2019), one bottle of Sempé Vieil Armagnac, olive oil, walnut oil, one tin of Coq au Vin, presentation pack of pâtés and more! 	Simon Haynes, John & Frances Stobbs	£50-£100

23	Summer garden lunch for 8 guests – New Hinksey. Your choice of menu, allergies catered for, wines and drinks included.	Michael Mowat	£50-£120
24	Hand-knitted baby's blanket	Sandra	£15-£25
25	Etching: Drifting through Oxford by Jane Peart An 18 plate etching with aquatint and hand colouring; framed. Size of etching: 64cm x 45cm	Su Box	£125-£250
			
26	10 hours of family history research from publicly available sources	Frances Stobbs	£30-£100
27	Afternoon swim in private pool (N.Oxford) for up to 10 people Summer 2026, tea and cakes included. Dates negotiable with owners.	Kate & Tim Goodacre	£20-£100
28	Grand Siècle Laurent Perrier champagne in presentation box. Grand Siècle is Laurent Perrier's prestige champagne. It is made from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir with the grapes coming from 11 grands crus vineyards in the Champagne area. Instead of being a single vintage champagne, it is blended from three exceptional years. Tasting notes: Grand Siècle offers a complex profile with aromas of toasted brioche, grilled almonds, citrus (especially candied lemon and orange zest), and hints of honey, white flowers, and butter. On the palate, expect a silky, creamy texture with flavours of candied lemon, hazelnut, and subtle toasty notes, balanced by bright, precise acidity and a long, mineral-driven finish.	Alison & Tony Lee	£100-£200
			
29	2 hrs decluttering - cupboards, clothes etc. & transport to charity shop/tip	Liz Moynagh	£20-£40
30	Aerial view of your home, taken from a drone, plus 8 x 10" copy of the photo (within 20 mile radius of Oxford)	Jim Ellis	£25-£50

INTERVAL

LOT No.	DESCRIPTION		OFFERED BY	ESTIMATE
31	Belle Musette - Put in a bid to provide some instant French café atmosphere for your family or workplace event, as provided for tonight's auction by Belle Musette		Andrew Smith & John Milnes	£60-£160
32	Winter garden clearance (2 people/2 hours each) – sweeping, pruning, weeding and removal of green waste up to 1m ³		John Stobbs & John Price	£40-£80
33	Carrot cake		Kate Goodacre	£5-£15
34	1-2 hours Maths tutoring (up to A Level)		Peter Buchan-Symons	£30-£50
35	3 course paella supper with wine for 6 people - Abingdon		Peter and Fiona Tickler	£50-£120
36	One week's stay in home (with pool) in SW France for up to 8 people. Dates negotiable with owners. For further details and more photographs see bottom of this document. Staged payments possible - £100 deposit.		John and Frances Stobbs	£450-£2000
37	Clean your car; inside and out; spotless; guaranteed satisfaction		John Price	£20-£40
38	Ethos Hotel, Marlborough Road: Pizza and a Large Glass of Prosecco each, for Four People! Expires 18th Feb 2026 Mandatory booking required 24 hours in advance.. 24-hour cancellation policy. Must be 18 or older. Valid Mon-Sun midday-9.30pm		Ethos Hotel	£50-£100
39	2 hrs decluttering - cupboards, clothes etc. & transport to charity shop/tip		Liz Moynagh	£20-£40
40	Batch of home-made marmalade - 6 jars approx. (ready in February)		Katharine Crouch	£15-£25
41	Cream tea/cheese scones and croquet 6-8 people – Abingdon Summer 2026		Peter & Fiona Tickler	£30-£80

42	Painting - portrait or landscape to order by local artist. Examples: 	Jane Lees	£100-£200
43	1 bottle of Islay malt whisky	Joy Barrett-Wilson	T.B.C.
44	Thames Meander guided cycling ride. 3 itineraries possible: 1. Radley 5 miles 2. Didcot along the Hanson Way 12 miles 3. Didcot, Wittenhams, Wallingford, Ewelme 30+ miles  Watercress beds in Ewelme Includes pre-ride bike check, maintenance and repair as necessary; return by train possible. For up to 12 people	Rupert Griffiths	£10-£30
45	Christmas pudding – serves 4-5 people Vegetarian; contains nuts	John Stobbs	£15-£25
46	2 hours photography at event, party, meeting offered by Philip King, followed up by high-resolution photo files for you to use. If you have a specific date in mind please contact Philip prior to the auction to check on availability – see Contact on https://www.philipkingphotography.co.uk/  It is likely that the event would need to be during an evening or at a weekend, outside normal working hours	Philip King	£75-£150
47	One hand-made glass bowl (Photo with fruit to give an idea of scale) 	Lucy Jenkins	£30-£100
48	Christmas cake (7,8,9 inches) – can be adapted for allergies etc.	Katharine Crouch	£20-£40

49	2 tickets to a concert of Christmas choral music in the Sheldonian on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm. Best seats in the house. Programme includes Gerald Finzi's In Terra Pax, Max Bruch's Gruß an die Heilige Nacht, Gustav Holst's Christmas Day, Saint-Saëns' Christmas Oratorio.		Nick and Lizzie Wilson	£30-£60
50	Manner of James Hardy Jr - still life watercolour of game - peacock and song thrush. Indistinctly initialled, dated 1852. Unframed, 71cm by 51cm (28" by 20"). <i>Hardy's inaugural exhibition was in 1852; this work is a match for his later technique and subjects, with a slightly more allegorical and less commercial approach than his later works.</i>		Rupert Griffiths	£80-£100
51	Ceramic pot with winter flowers for balcony, patio or garden		Katharine Crouch	£35-£50
52	One day Blacksmith experience at Combe Mill (Blenheim Palace Sawmills) - Wednesdays only https://www.combemill.co.uk/shop/experience-vouchers/blacksmithing-experience/		Joy Barrett-Wilson	£40-£70

53	A celebration cake baked and decorated ready for your event. To feed up to 20 people	Jackie Wilderspin	£30- £50
54	Takeaway curry for 6, delivered within reasonable distance or collection from Lincoln Road. Meal will include a chicken dish, a vegetable side dish, rice and bread plus dessert.	Peter Chown	£40- £70

**See next pages for further details about
Lot Nos. 7 and 25**

LOT No. 7 – further details

**2-3 nights in this delightful cottage in the village of Blockley,
near Moreton-in-Marsh**



The cottage and garden



The village of Blockley is well-known for its picturesque Cotswolds charm, including beautiful stone buildings, a Norman church, and a peaceful atmosphere. It's also famous as the filming location for the BBC series, Father Brown, making it a popular spot for fans. There are two pubs in the village and a community-run shop and café. Batsford Arboretum is nearby, as is Longborough which holds its opera festival in the months of May to August.

The cottage is cosy and comfortable, ideal for a restful break. The garden descends to the Blockley brook and is beautifully planted. Here is what the Estate Agents had to say about it:

One of the brightest jewels in Blockley's crown of country homes, positioned in an idyllic location overlooking around 0.25 acre of beautiful sun-trapped garden, bordered by a bubbling brook. The area is a walker's paradise.

Dates are negotiable with the owners, and the offer is suitable only for a couple. The cottage can be enjoyed at all times of the year, but is perhaps most suitable for a spring or summer visit.

Minimum bid: £150

LOT No. 25 – further details

A week's holiday in luxury home in rural south-west France



Relax in stylish and homely surroundings in the beautiful Aveyron valley and enjoy all the many attractions of this unspoilt corner of France. The house is situated in a small village approximately one and a half hour's drive north-east of Toulouse, not far from the picturesque market town of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.

The well-appointed house is available for up to eight people, dates by negotiation with the owners. There are four double bedrooms (two en-suite), a large family bathroom and elegant salon with mezzanine. There is a large garden which goes down to the river. The pool is open during the summer months (June to September) but the house is welcoming in all seasons – log burners (and electric radiators) provide cosy warmth in the winter months.

For further photos of the house and the surrounding area please see the photobook "Le Temps de Vivre" (on display in the church on the day of the auction)

The offer does not include travel or car hire.

Minimum bid: £450