

St Matthews

The newsletter of St Matthew's Church, Oxford

November 2024



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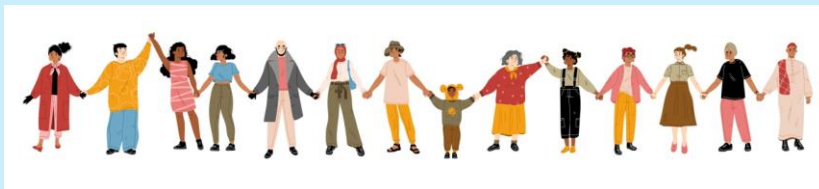
Christmas
Crafts to make

PLUS SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
2PM-4:30PM

at St Luke's Church
CANNING CRESCENT, OXFORD OX1 4XB

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES
www.stlukesoxford.org.uk



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

Community Lunch!

Every Thursday.

We open at 11.30 am for hot drinks.

Hot food served from 12 noon to 1 pm.

(No booking required)

Would you like to book our hall for your Christmas party?

Contact us at office@stmatthewsoxford.org.uk



Messy Church runs once a month on Sunday afternoons.

The next one is 17th November at 3 pm.

It's for all the family.

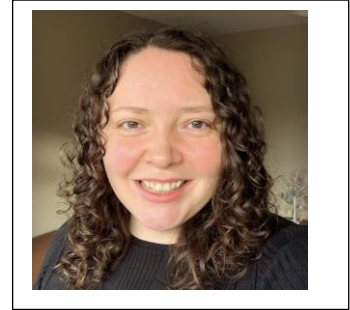
Come along and try it!

Need to learn more English?

**A women's group meets in the hall at 9.00 am on Tuesdays
during term time.**

No charge. Little ones are welcome to come and play too.

... and a message from Laura, our church pioneer:



Dear all,

Welcome to our most recent edition of St. Matthnews! It's so wonderful to be able to share about all that has been going on and all that we have coming up too.

As a massive film fan, I am so excited about our Cinema evenings. We had a wonderful evening watching Hidden Figures together and now we're looking forward to our next screening: **Pride and Prejudice**, on Friday 15th November at 7.00 pm. With the nights beginning to draw in, there's nothing better than being able to gather together to enjoy a film on the big screen. Especially when snacks are involved! See the banner below for more information on how to book tickets.

We care about our local community and what is important to you. My job is to work with people in their 20s and 30s and so I would particularly love to hear from this age group! Please do complete our questionnaire, via the QR code, about what you would like to see happening in your community and about what issues matter to you. It takes about 2-3 minutes to complete.



You can Discover more about our 20-30s network on Instagram @discover.stml or on Facebook: Discover St. M&L. pioneerworker@stmatthewsoxford.org.uk

And look out for our Christmas Card in December with news of all the ways we are celebrating Christmas at St Matthew's! There will be something for everyone.

With very best wishes, Laura



CINEMA NIGHT

SHOWING

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

(2005)

MORE INFO & BOOK TICKETS:

15TH NOV '24



Book, via QR code or via Laura on
pioneerworker@stmatthewsoxford.org.uk

It's going to be *A Christmas Cracker*!

Would you - **yes, YOU** - like to be involved in our St Matthew's Drama Group this Christmas?

SOMATA Productions (who performed The Oxford Passion Play in Hinksey Park last Easter – see their photo below) are proud to present their brand new sparkling Christmas family show:

***'A Christmas Cracker'* - Saturday Dec 14th, 4pm**

They're looking for help with costumes, props, backstage crew, poster design, programme design, ushers, refreshments and general help!
Are you interested in joining the fun and helping?
Want to know more?

Please email the producer: Carolyn Lloyd Davies on
clloyddavies@msn.com for more information.

We'd love to have you join us!





JUSTICE IN THE WAY OF JESUS

An evening sharing stories and raising funds for Just Love.

St Andrews' Church,
Oxford
Fri 22nd Nov 2024
8pm - 9.30pm

JUST LOVE

www.justloveuk.com

**St Andrew's Church
Linton Road
Oxford
OX2 6UG**

Just Love's vision is to cultivate a network of thousands pursuing justice in the way of Jesus, holistically, fruitfully and sustainably. The movement was started by students in Oxford in 2013 and has since grown to 18 student groups across the UK and a network of 800 graduates.

We're hosting an evening to share stories of how God has been working through our students and young adults. Throughout the evening, there will be space to connect with others from across Oxford and a gentle invitation to support the growth of our ministry. Wine and canapés will be provided. Whether you are new to Just Love or have been involved for years, all are welcome.

Let us know you're coming along: <https://justloveuk.com/oxford-fundraiser>



Are you struggling with your money?
Christians Against Poverty can always help.

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 give us a call.

(We can't pay your bills off for you, but we help you to negotiate with your creditors and find a way to balance your income with your costs.)

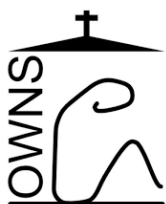
**Call for free help and advice.
0800 328 0006 or 07918 599255**

Also, at Christmas we like to give a hamper to all our CAP clients. Often they cannot afford presents, and our hamper brings enormous joy.

If you would like to help in any way (buying gifts, assembling hampers, delivering, or contributing to the cost) please contact:

Jill Ewbank, jillewbank@capuk.org.

Hamper packing is on Monday 9th December from 7 pm at St Clement's Centre, Cross Street, Oxford, OX4 1DA.



Oxford Winter Night Shelter

St Matthew's expects to be hosting guests of the Oxford Winter Night Shelter again this winter in the Parish Centre. From New Year until the end of March there are 7 churches across the City where overnight accommodation is available every night to people who would otherwise be sleeping outside.

At St Matthew's we are pleased to welcome up to 10 people on Sunday nights. We ensure they can have some food on arrival, a warm bed for the night and a simple breakfast in the morning.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of the venues, please go to www.ownsoxford.org.uk

Christmas choir

Calling all singers!

Come and join the choir to sing at our Church Carol Service.
It's on **Sunday 22nd December at 18:00.**

Rehearsals (not all compulsory) will be held in the church on weekday evenings in December, dates still to be finalised.
No audition is necessary!

If possible, let Jeremy (jandhskertchly@hotmail.co.uk) know you're coming.



Parish Quiet Day Saturday 23rd November Ripon College, Cuddesdon

Similar to previous occasions the day will start at 10am and finish at 3.30pm. Theme:

'Hopeful Anticipation: A day preparing for Advent'

It will be hosted by Jon and Jenni Williams.

If you would like to attend, or have further questions, please contact Jon by 11th November. jon.williams1905@gmail.com

The cost is £25; we might be able to help if that is a stretch too far.



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 chat (for ladies)
	6.45 pm:	Prayer meeting
Thursdays	11.00 am:	Holy Communion
	11.30 am:	Community hot drinks
	12.00 noon	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
Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Nicky Rayner
Treasurer:	David Crouch
Stewardship:	Carolyn Lloyd-Davies
Pioneer Mission Worker:	Laura Evans

St Matthnews is the newsletter of St Matthew's Church, Oxford.

If you have any comments to make about this issue, we love to get feed-back.
If you have items you would like to include in the next issue, please send them to me.
(Our vicar, Jenni, reserves the right to decide whether or not we can accept matters for publication.)

My contact details are: John Price john@pricejd.com

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