

# St Matthnews

The newsletter of St Matthew's Church, Oxford

May 2025

At St Matthew's we like to think that we don't just "do church". We like to think that our church is alive with love, laughter, community, vibrant worship, real connections, inspiring messages, joyful service, and a deep sense of purpose and belonging to everyone here in Grandpont.



So what's coming up at St Matthew's? See page 2...

**You might not want to be involved in everything we do, but lots of things seem to be coming up. We have:**

<b>Sunday 11th May</b>	<b>11.30 am.</b>	<b>Our Annual General Meeting, held this year at St Luke's</b>
<b>Saturday 17th May</b>	<b>1.00 pm.</b>	<b>"Saying Goodbye"</b> A service at Christ Church Cathedral to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy.
<b>Sunday 18th May</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>"Refresh"</b> An open meeting to chat and review the plans we have for updating our St Matthew's Hall (see page 4 for details)
<b>Wednesday 21st May</b>	<b>7.00 pm.</b>	<b>"The Future of AI in Healthcare",</b> at Reuben College (see page 5 for details)
<b>Saturday 24th May</b>	<b>6.30 pm.</b>	<b>Ceilidh</b> (see page 6 for details)
<b>Saturday 21st June</b>	<b>10.00 am.</b>	<b>"A Walk in the Old Testament"</b> Actually more of a talk than a walk, but come anyway!
<b>Saturday 5th July</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>"The Spice Rickshaw"</b> (see page 8 for details)
<b>Saturday 4th October</b>		<b>"Parish Away Day" at Cuddesdon.</b> Get it in your diary NOW!

# WORK SPACE CAFE



**OTHER  
DRINKS  
AND SNACKS  
AVAIL TO BUY**

## COMING SOON

**Check our website  
or socials for an  
open date soon**



### DISCOVER





## **Refresh Project meeting Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 12.15 – 1.15pm**

You are warmly invited to come to St Matthew's at 12.15pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May to find out more about the Refresh Project.

The Parish Centre is now 30 years old and is well used by many people in the community who enjoy parties, exercise groups, ballet classes and the Community Lunch, among other things. The aim of the Refresh Project is to refresh the Parish Centre, to improve the carbon footprint and make it suitable for the next 30 years of use.

We launched the project at our Garden Party in September and raised enough money through a grant and donations to engage experts to look at options.

The initial stage of technical preparation for the Refresh Project is now complete and we are delighted to say that the architect will be at the meeting to outline the menu of options that has been drawn up. So please come along. We would love to hear what you think and ideas you may have for the future use of the building.

The work that eventually gets done will depend on the money we can raise.

However, at this stage we want to make sure that as many people as possible are involved in the discussions and understand the scope of what may be possible.

Refreshments will be served from 12 noon so please arrive at that time so we can make a prompt start at 12.15. See you there!



# AI

AND

# Healthcare



## The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare:

Talk + Q&A with world-leading AI expert  
Professor Lord Lionel Tarassenko.



Reuben  
College  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Reuben College, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3QP

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 7PM - 9PM

FREE EVENT ▶  
DONATIONS WELCOME

TO BOOK TICKETS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT

[WWW.ARCHWAYFOUNDATION.ORG.UK](http://WWW.ARCHWAYFOUNDATION.ORG.UK)



All proceeds go towards  
Archway's work in tackling  
loneliness in Oxfordshire.



# CEILIDH



**24.05.2025**

**ST  
MATTHEW'S  
CHURCH**



**BOOK:** VIA QR CODE OR EMAIL  
PIONEERWORKER@STMATTHEWSOXFORD.  
ORG.UK

**ADDRESS:** 63 MARLBOROUGH ROAD, OX1  
4LW

**DOORS:** 6PM FOR 6:30PM START

**FINISH:** 9PM

**DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE**

**NIBBLES AVAILABLE**

**TICKETS:** £15 ADULTS | £7.50  
KIDS

**IN AID OF OUR  
REFRESH APPEAL**



# BRIDGE BUILDER TRUST

We want to give you money!

We offer **grants of up to £1000** to support projects which will benefit our community in South Oxford.

If you know of local community projects which would benefit from a grant, **please reach out** to us for more information.

[www.bridgebuildertrust.org.uk](http://www.bridgebuildertrust.org.uk)  
[bridgebuildertrustoxford@gmail.com](mailto:bridgebuildertrustoxford@gmail.com)  
Charity Number 1059059





## **A date for your diary – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July in the evening**

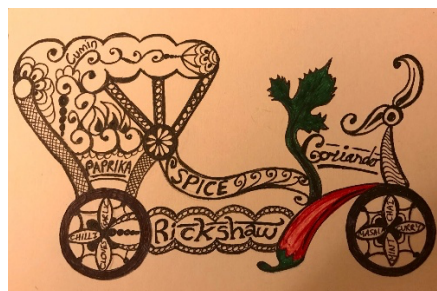
### **Indian Food made Simple**

**The Spice Rickshaw** presents a cooking demonstration and a 3-course vegetarian meal on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

We are a group of friends who are grateful for the wonderful community we live in and the positive difference it has made to us. St Matz church and the attached Parish Centre are at the heart of our neighbourhood and welcome everyone to use the facilities and join community events.

Following some amazing feedback after cooking on food sharing occasions and for friends' parties, we wanted to do something to help raise money for the community we live in. So we are putting on a Cookery Demonstration and Dinner on July 5<sup>th</sup>. All money raised will go towards refreshing and updating facilities in the Parish Centre.

Details on how to book your tickets will be given in the June edition of St Matthnews, so look out for it on the first weekend in June!



**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.)**

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