

St Matthnews

The newsletter of St Matthew's Church, Oxford

June 2025

You are warmly invited to come and join us, here at our local church!

Come as you are, whoever you are, and experience community, encouragement, joyful Christian worship, and friendly faces.

Seriously, everyone is welcome; we'd love to meet you, get to know you, and grow together in faith, hope, and love.

See you Sunday (that's any Sunday!)

To help you find us, here's a picture of our front door in Marlborough Road

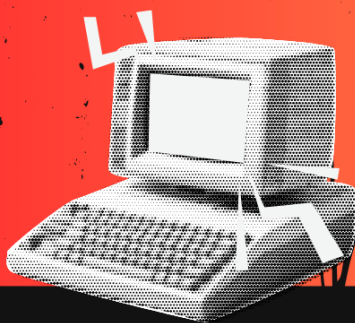


**You might not want to be involved in everything we do,
but lots of things seem to be coming up. To offer you,
we have:**

Mondays in June	2 - 5 pm	WorkSpace (see page 3 for details)
Friday 20th June	6.00 pm.	"Death of an Englishman" (see page 4 for details)
Saturday 21st June	10.00 am.	"A Walk in the Old Testament" Actually more of a talk than a walk, but come anyway!
Saturday 5th July	Evening	"The Spice Rickshaw" (see page 5 for details)
Saturday 4th October		"Parish Away Day" at Cuddesdon. Get it in your diary NOW!
Friday 21 November	7.00 pm.	"Auction of Promises" (see page 7 for details)

WORKSPACE

FREE
TEA &
FILTER
COFFEE



OTHER
DRINKS
AVAILABLE

**MONDAYS
2-5PM**

OPEN FROM 2ND
JUNE

Check out socials for
more information



DISCOVER





JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH
LOCAL AUTHOR ANNA BEER AS SHE
INTRODUCES HER NEW MYSTERY SET
IN OXFORD!

DEATH OF AN ENGLISHMAN IS
PACKED WITH INTRIGUE, SOCIAL
COMMENTARY, AND LOCAL CHARM.

ANNA WILL GIVE A READING FROM
HER DEBUT NOVEL, AND INDULGE US
WITH A QUESTION AND ANSWER
SESSION.

AN OXFORD MYSTERY

20TH JUNE 2025

DOORS AT 6PM

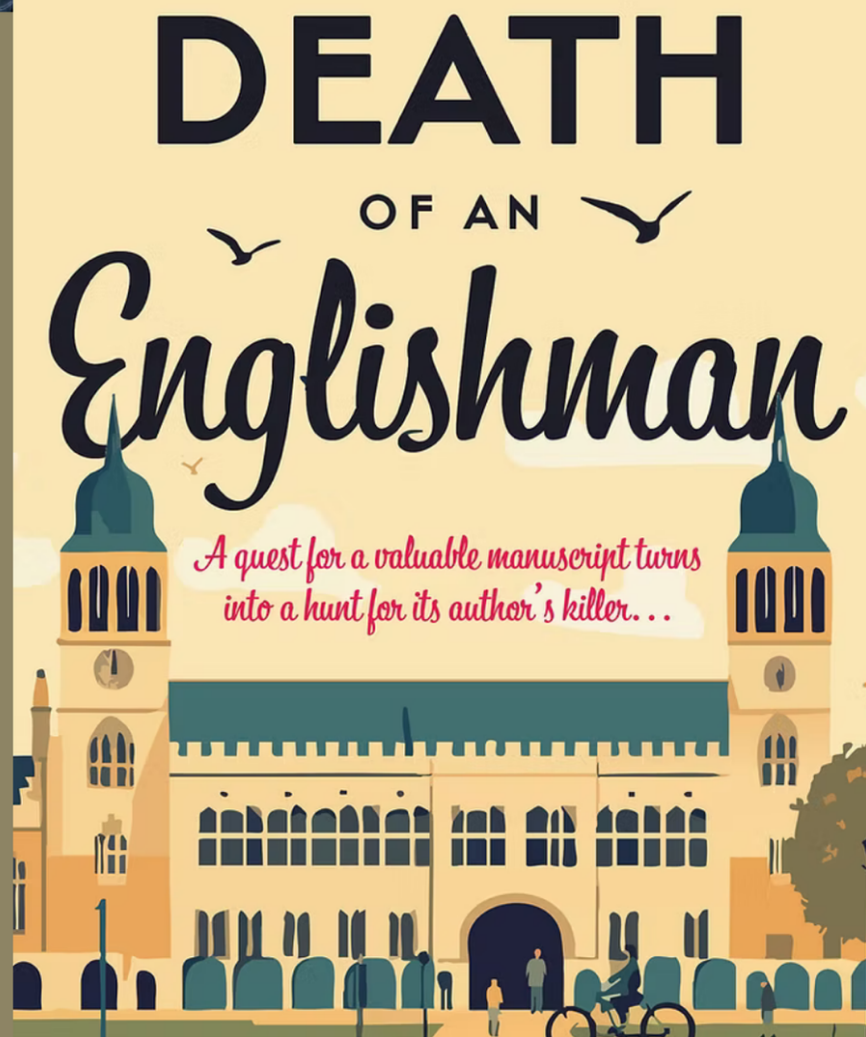
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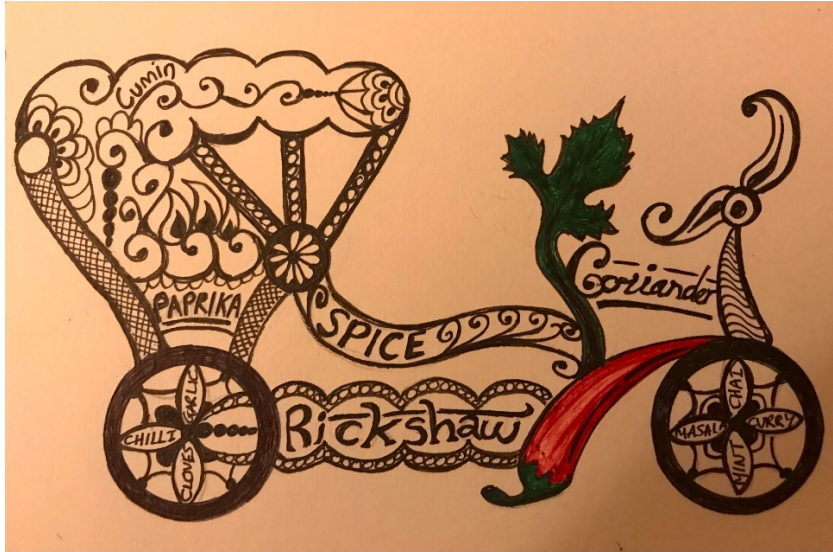
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@STMATTHEWS
OXFORD.ORG.UK

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ANNA BEER



Indian Food Made Simple

Saturday 5th July 6pm – 9.30pm

St Matthew's Parish Centre, Marlborough Road

The Spice Rickshaw presents a live cooking demonstration of dishes from India followed by a sumptuous 3 course vegetarian meal. Soft drinks included. BYOB

Tickets £25 for adults, £10 children

All proceeds to the St Matthew's Refresh Appeal

Book on Eventbrite using the QR code

Or email churchwarden@stmatthewsoxford.org.uk





Refresh Project Update

(You will recall that "Refresh" is the name we have given to the challenging project of bringing our 30-year-old church hall into the 21st century.)

The interest people have shown in our plans to refresh the Parish Centre has been very encouraging and we are grateful for all of the many good ideas and suggestions that we have received. The project will improve the carbon footprint and make the Centre a great place to be used by the Grandpont community and the church for another 30 years.

We held an open meeting in May where we talked about the conclusions from the technical work that has been done, and our architect explained the various Refresh opportunities that could be open to us. The good news we have discovered is that the building, although 30 years old, is already fairly well insulated. This gives us confidence that we should be able to heat it using green electricity, rather than continuing with a replacement for our old and ailing gas boiler.

So now we are digesting the feedback we have received, and over the summer we will be deciding what changes and improvements to include. All comments and ideas are still very welcome.

The following website should help you to keep up to speed with the project. Of course, it is all still work in progress, but the website does include the video and slides from the open meeting which we held.

<https://www.stmatthewsoxford.org.uk/reimagining-community-engagement-eco-friendly-way>

This QR code should take you directly there too:



Our Auction of Promises is on Friday November 21st!



We're delighted to announce the date of our Auction of Promises:

Friday, November 21st, 2025.

This is going to be Fun, Fun, Fun!

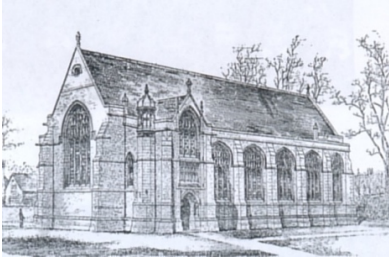
Doors will open at 7.00pm for catalogue viewing, drinks and other light refreshments. The auction starts at 8.00pm.

Whether you're eager to bid on unique promises, enjoy the music and company of friends, or support our exciting Refresh appeal, this event will have something for everyone.

More details nearer the time, but for now, be sure to **Save the Date** and join us in making this event a resounding success. We can't wait to see you there!

Any questions? Contact Carolyn on clloyddavies@msn.com.





Church Information

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Sunday services	10.30 am and 6.00 pm	
Mondays	8.15 pm.	Meditation meeting
Tuesdays	6.45 pm:	Prayer meeting
Thursdays	9.00 am:	English language chat (for ladies)
	11.00 am:	Holy Communion
	11.30 am:	Community hot drinks
	12.00 noon	Community lunch

Following our AGM, there have been a few changes in the make-up of our church council.

Vicar:	Jenni Williams
Associate Vicar	Jon Williams
Associate Minister	Mike Rayner
Curate:	Rob Rogers
Administrator:	Katharine Crouch
Church Warden:	Jackie Wilderspin
Church Warden:	Jane Jones
Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Nicky Rayner
Treasurer:	David Crouch
Stewardship:	Carolyn Lloyd-Davies
Pioneer Mission Worker:	Laura Evans
Deputy Warden	Peter Buchan-Symons
Deputy Warden	Margaret Price

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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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