

St Matthnews

The newsletter of St Matthew's Church, Oxford

August 2025

JOIN US
FOR
**Summer
Breakfasts**
At St Matthew's Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for a light breakfast in the Parish Centre at St Matthew's Church over the summer. We would also love to see you at the service at 10:30am.

FROM
09:45- 10:30 AM

27TH JULY, 3RD AUGUST, 10TH AUGUST, 17TH
AUGUST, 24TH AUGUST, 31ST AUGUST

Parish Centre
at St
Matthew's
Church, 63
Marlborough
Road





To cheer you up...

When you enter St Matthew's church building it might just happen that you hear the call of God.

However it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile, and so we thank you for turning off your phone while you are in the building.

If you want to talk to God, please enter, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving home.

Save the Date!

**St Matthew's Day Garden Party
Sunday 21st September. 2 pm**

**Preparations are underway for the annual garden party at St Matthews.
Put the date in your diary now.**

It is a family event and a great opportunity to meet neighbours, bring friends, enjoy the garden games, and savour a Cream Tea.

**There will also be a few fundraising stalls and a raffle for the Refresh appeal.
Messy church, with fun activities for everyone, will be running from 3 pm.**

There will be a planning meeting on August 28th at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Do come along with your ideas to make this an event for everyone.

WORKSPACE

**AN ALTERNATIVE SPACE
TO WORK OR STUDY**

**FREE
TEA &
FILTER
COFFEE**

**OTHER
DRINKS
AVAILABLE**



**MONDAYS
2-5PM**

**PARISH CENTRE, ST
MATTHEW'S CHURCH,
63 MARLBOROUGH
ROAD**

**Check out our
socials for more
information**



DISCOVER





Save the Date - again!

**Pud Quiz
Friday 24th October
7.00 pm**

Join us to enjoy our delicious home-made puds and a challenging quiz. Make up a table of 6 to 8 people, or just come along and join in the fun.

**£10 per person (including puds) (£8 concessions)
(in aid of our Refresh appeal.)**

Wine and soft drinks available to purchase.

Thank you, Grandpont!



We are really grateful for your support for our recent fundraising events for the Refresh Project.

Both the Ceilidh in May and the Indian cookery demonstration and dinner in July were sell-out events! It was a joy to see so many people getting to know each other and having fun together.

A special shout-out to John Milnes and all those who played in the excellent Ceilidh band, and also to Nasreen, Diane, and Jackie ("The Spice Rickshaw") who demonstrated and cooked such delicious food. Everyone provided their time and talents for free!

Over £2000 was raised at the two events towards the Refresh Project which will reduce our carbon footprint and ensure that our Parish Centre is fit for purpose for the next 30 years.



Refresh Project Update

“Refresh” is the name we have given to the challenging project of bringing our 30-year-old church hall into the 21st century

Thank you for the interest and comments in the emerging proposals for giving our building a Refresh. We are taking on board the comments received since our open meeting in May.

We have been thinking about a Vision for the next five years, to transform our space, creating a welcoming environment that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit, for both our church congregation and into the wider community.

To achieve this Vision, we have four main aims:

1. A carbon friendly environment

Our aim is to make the centre as eco-friendly as possible through investing in current green technologies and minimising wasted energy.

2. Modern facilities for events and activities

The reimagined centre would include facilities to host a wide range of both professional and community events, including conferences, meetings, workshops, classes, drama groups, social gatherings and celebrations.

3. A space for young people

We want to support young people and young adults by offering a fun, safe and welcoming environment.

4. Supporting the Community

We will continue activities like our weekly Workspace Café, and the Community Lunch and Winter Night Shelter for the homeless, and develop programmes and support groups to ensure our centre becomes a source of hope and assistance for those in need.

Join us on this exciting journey as we build a brighter future for our community!

Our Auction of Promises is on Friday November 21st!



Save it now! 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.





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| Sunday services | 10.30 am and 6.00 pm (During August, preceded by breakfast at 9.45; see front page) | |
| Mondays | 8.15 pm. | Meditation meeting |
| Tuesdays | 6.45 pm: | Prayer meeting online |
| Thursdays | 11.30 am: | Community hot drinks |
| | 12.00 noon | Community lunch |
| | 12.15 pm: | Soul Space (in church) |

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| 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 |
| 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.)

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