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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

JANUARY 2022



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Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

Sundays

10.15am	The Parish Mass (sung)
5.30pm	Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

First Sunday in the month

10.15am	All Age Mass for the Parish Family
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

*When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms)
Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong*

Second Sunday in the month

10.15am	Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is offered in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Congregational Evensong

Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
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Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm	Congregational Evensong
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Weekdays *(During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre)*

Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

Monday 7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am)
(Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)

Tuesday Currently suspended

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Thursday Currently suspended

Friday 12 noon Mass

Saturday Currently suspended

(Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by a Cell Meeting on the second Saturday of the month at 9.30am)

Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm

(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church and on website)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern.

All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

Worship Calendar for January

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS	
2	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	
3	Feria	The ministry of healing
4	Feria	
5	Feria	
6	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
7	Feria	
8	Feria	
9	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
10	Feria	
11	Feria	
12	S Aelred of Rievaulx, Ab	
13	Feria	
14	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
15	Of OLW	The Shrine and Society
16	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
17	S Anthony, Ab	
18	Confession of S Peter	The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
19	S Wulfstan	
20	S Fabian, Pp and M	
21	S Agnes, V and M	
22	Of the BVM	
23	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
24	S Francis de Sales, B, Dr	
25	Conversion of S Paul, Apostle	
26	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bs	
27	Feria	
28	S Thomas Aquinas, Pr and Dr	
29	Of the BVM	
30	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
31	S John Bosco, Pr	

NB **Bold** denotes weekdays on which the eucharist will be celebrated

*The Church prays for the community daily.
Please include these topics in your daily prayers.*

January's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

Becoming Magi

Few New Testament stories have captured our imaginations like that of the Magi. Indeed, our imaginations have enlarged on this gospel story of Matthew. We have decided that there were three Magi; we have made them kings, we have given them camels, and we've even assigned them names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

The very charm of the ancient story, however, may cause us to miss the point Matthew was trying to make in telling it. He highlighted the contrast between the Jewish and Gentile reaction to the birth of the Messiah. The Magi, who were not Jews, studied the stars, saw God's message, and travelled from afar to worship the new-born king. The Jewish leaders, a few miles from Bethlehem, with scriptures to guide them, knew exactly where Jesus would be born. Yet, they failed to act on their knowledge other than to tell Herod, who sent soldiers to kill the child.

Matthew's point was that Jesus belongs to the world and not just to the Jewish people. At the time this gospel was written (around 85 AD), the young Christian community had burst out of Palestine and entered the great world of the Roman Empire. Gentile converts were entering the fold in growing numbers. The early Church had determined that those new converts did not have to convert to Judaism in order to be Christian. Making this decision, they followed the example of Jesus who rejected boundaries and welcomed everyone who came to him, pious and publican, saint and sinner.

The feast of the Epiphany (6 January, 7.30pm) teaches us that we must be open and welcoming to others whatever their race, ethnic background, culture, gender, sexual orientation, or social class and standing. It teaches us that God does not recognise these boundaries and borders, nor should those who gather around his Son in the community we call the Church.

He was a gift for all humankind, and the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were gifts in response. But if Jesus came for all, he came only for those who search, for those who persist, for those who will not quit or give up, for those who will seek him out, no matter how weary, discouraged, or frustrated they may feel. The search for Jesus is something like a treasure hunt. We must find our way to Bethlehem, and it is a troubling and sometimes difficult journey. We will never get there if we give up.

We will probably only find him completely and totally at the end of our life. However, the more we search, we realise that the God revealed to us through the child of Bethlehem becomes the God for whom we seek.

All of us are born explorers, adventurers, romantics, and seekers. We need to become once again like the Magi, people who would take the risk of crossing deserts because a star shone over a new-born babe.

We should seek the Babe of Bethlehem to stir us out of the routine and monotony of the winter months, to turn us from plodders to searchers of faith, from dullards to adventurers in our quest for meaning, from cynics to romantics in love with one another, from hardened realists to men and women of dreams and missions.

Like the Magi of old, let us make a deliberate decision to travel by another road. At the moment, we may feel that we are travelling across a desert at night. But the Magi remind us that, all through our lives, we are to be witnesses of the star we carry in our hearts. May it be a light for all, undimmed, brightly shining out from us into the darkness, a light that others may follow.

With my prayers and best wishes for the New Year.

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

Fr. Nicholas

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 24

The Parish Church of St Matthew

Saturday 1 January

**HOLY NAME
OF JESUS**

10.15am The Parish Mass



The Parish Church of St Matthew

Thursday 6 January

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**7.30pm The Parish Mass
with the Offering of the Magi's Gifts**



The fellowship and me

Nigel Woolliscroft

After some abdominal discomfort earlier this year I went to see my doctor; he sent me for a CT scan and on 24 May 2021 my life changed forever.

The result of my CT scan revealed a 4.5cm tumour in my colon; the size of it probably meant that it was also malignant.

I went in for surgery on 2 July to have it removed; it was a gruelling four hour+ operation.

The following day my surgeon came to see me with more bad news, explaining that the tumour had grown through my colon and attached itself to my pelvic wall, further complicating things.

Pathology results came back confirming cancer, and that at least a three-month cycle of chemotherapy, probably more, would need to be undergone. I am currently on cycle five of eight cycles and have MRI and CT scans at the end of the fourth cycle to check the success of the treatment.

When such sudden and profound things turn your life upside down in an instant, after a few days of fears, tears and despair, one's thoughts turn to what you can do to fight this thing in terms of diet, lifestyle change and mental attitude towards my illness, to assist conventional therapies which we have embraced.

For me a massive part of this has been my faith, and when Fr Nicholas first put my name on the prayer list Thelma and I had a couple of enquiries as to "are you OK?"

These enquiries gathered momentum as time passed with my name still being on the acutely sick prayer list.

I have been so humbled and overwhelmed by the good wishes of our wonderful congregation led in no small part by Fr Nicholas; simple messages, texts, emails, phone calls and cards have at times reduced me to tears that people would care so much about my well-being.

I pray to my God every day for a good outcome. I don't know what his plans are for me but I hope that he may grant me more time on this earth. I have never felt closer to my God and in a strange way I have my illness to thank for that.

Fellowship is everything and we must embrace it. We would be nowhere without it so I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for me

during this difficult time; it has meant so much to us both.

I feel blessed that I have the people in my life that I do, my family, my children, grandchildren, good friends and St Matthew's Church and its people.

Of course, I thank my wife for the huge support she has been to me from the start of this and she continues to hold my hand throughout.



Brand New Christian

At the Parish Mass on Sunday 21 November (The Solemnity of Christ the King) we witnessed the baptism of Emilia Vivienne Rose Drouet, daughter of Rachael and Ben and little sister of Eloise. For a few



moments, Emilia became the newest Christian on the whole planet. Congratulations and welcome to Emilia!

Friends of St Matthew's Music 100+ Club

Congratulations to the lucky winner of £50 in our DECEMBER draw —
Number **24**, held by **Keith Hirst**



You too could win the **single prize of £50** in our monthly draw if you had a number! For just £3.00 a month you'd be in with a chance, whilst also helping pay for our Director of Music's salary.

For full details and a form, please email jonathan.starmer@yahoo.com

Jonathan Starmer

32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Unit

Mandy Ludlow

At the time of writing this we have now finished for the year; we just have the panto to visit on 15 December. The last few weeks have been very busy with activities all related to Christmas. Sweep, aka Yasmin, did the Polar Bear Challenge with the girls, and they made sparkly biscuits, had a snowball fight, created their own polar bear using air drying clay and then a decoration for their tree. For the Rainbows this was a snowman, Brownies stitched a gingerbread man, Guides had a wooden decoration to paint and put together whilst the Rangers were given hundreds of tiny pins, sequins and a polystyrene ball. They had to pin individual sequins on using the pins to create a design – very time consuming but effective.

At the end of November Fr Nicholas visited to us to talk about Advent and Christmas and the waiting for the 25th. He very kindly brought with him chocolate advent calendars generously given to us by the congregation of St Matthew's. All the girls were delighted with these and attached to this article are photographs of Tallulah G opening one of her windows and a 'Thank You' note sent by Remy H on behalf of all the girls.

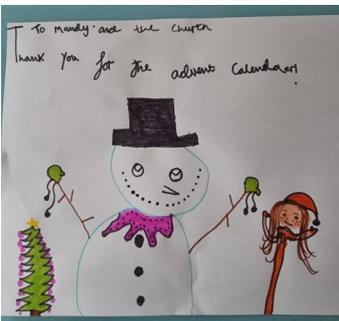
As in previous years we have created four hampers of both essentials and Christmas treats, and these will be delivered by Fr Nicholas to recipients chosen by the Pastoral Team. This is something we have done for a number of years now and by all accounts they are very well received.

On our last night we had our usual party evening, the Rainbows and Brownies enjoying a traditional event – magician, games, party food and a visit from Father Christmas, with a great deal of fun and laughter. The Guides, being that little bit older, had a pizza and pamper evening with Jenna, whilst the Rangers wanted to do something different and had previously asked if they could do fabric painting; these girls had a workshop of Indian block printing and pizza.

It is always good to remind the girls that there are children in Northampton who do not have as much as they do and could be waking up on Christmas morning with no presents. Last year we took part in the Chocolate Elf, a scheme where selection boxes/Christmas chocolates are given to the Hope Centre to be distributed to children who would otherwise not have anything. This year on party night all the girls and leaders brought in chocolate; I did think I would not get it all in my car, I don't think I have seen as many selection boxes in one go, unless in Tesco.

Café Guides is still providing a takeaway service after the All Age Mass Service; it has been a slow start but in December it did seem that more people stayed. With the new restrictions coming into place (at the time of writing) what will happen in the new year, none of us know. We are already planning that we may be back meeting on zoom if the numbers continue to increase – all we can do is, wait and see.

All that remains is for me to thank everyone for their support over the last 12 months, especially when were not physically meeting in person at the Parish Centre and to wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2022.



Leftover Rocky Road New Year Treat

We all have leftover dried fruit and nuts from Christmas cake making, the odd few biscuits at the bottom of the tin and a few sweets lying around – this uses them up and makes a nice treat with a cup of tea.



Makes 20 squares

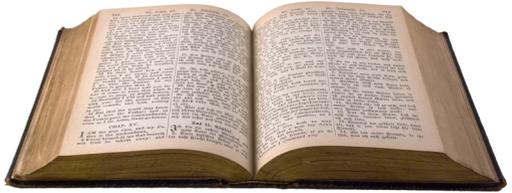
Preparation 20 minutes, plus chilling time

- 100 gms butter, cut into cubes, plus a little extra for greasing the tin
 - 250 gms biscuits – shortbread, chocolate biscuits, gingernuts – whatever you have left at the bottom of the tin
 - 75 gms shelled nuts
 - 100 gms mixed dried fruit (raisins, cherries, apricots, glacé ginger)
 - 75 gms mixed sweets (candy canes, marshmallows or jelly sweets work well)
 - 400 gms chocolate – milk or dark or a mixture of whatever you have
 - 140 gms golden syrup (weigh this straight into the pan you will use for melting)
 - 2 tbs of sprinkles or extra sweets to decorate
1. Butter and line with parchment paper a 20cm square tin, or use a 20cm silicone mould.
 2. Break the biscuits into pieces (no smaller than a pea, but not too chunky, or the rocky road won't hold together)
 3. Halve larger nuts by snapping them or carefully cutting with a knife, then combine with the biscuit pieces. Halve any large pieces of dried fruit and chop or snap the sweets into smaller pieces, then add these to the bowl.
 4. Melt 300gms chocolate, the butter and golden syrup together in a pan set over a low heat, stirring now and then. Pour this over the biscuit mixture and stir together with a silicone spatula so everything is combined.
 5. Tip the mixture into the tin, then level the surface using the spatula.
 6. Melt the remaining chocolate in a heatproof bowl in the microwave in short bursts, or in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, ensuring the bowl doesn't touch the water.
 7. Drizzle this melted chocolate over the rocky road and scatter with sprinkles or sweets. Chill for at least 3 hours, then cut into squares.

Will keep in the fridge for up to four days.

Weekday Scripture Readings for January

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



Saturday	1 st	Deuteronomy 30.[1-10].11-end	Acts 3.1-16
Monday	3 rd	Deuteronomy 6.4-15	John 10.31-end
Tuesday	4 th	Isaiah 63.7-16	Galatians 3.23-4.7
Wednesday	5 th	Isaiah 49.1-13	John 4.7-26
Thursday	6 th	Isaiah 60.1-9	John 2.1-11
Friday	7 th	Genesis 25.19-end	Ephesians 1.1-6
Saturday	8 th	Isaiah 61	Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7
Monday	10 th	Isaiah 41.14-20	John 1.29-34
Tuesday	11 th	Exodus 17.1-7	Acts 8.26-end
Wednesday	12 th	Exodus 15.1-19	Colossians 2.8-15
Thursday	13 th	Zechariah 6.9-15	1 Peter 2.4-10
Friday	14 th	Isaiah 51.7-16	Galatians 6.14-18
Saturday	15 th	Leviticus 16.11-22	Hebrews 10.19-25
Monday	17 th	1 Kings 17.8-16	Mark 8.1-10
Tuesday	18 th	1 Kings 19.1-9a	Mark 1.9-15
Wednesday	19 th	1 Kings 19.9b 18	Mark 9.2-13
Thursday	20 th	Leviticus 11.1-8, 13-19, 41-45	Acts 10.9-16
Friday	21 st	Isaiah 49.8-13	Acts 10.34-43
Saturday	22 nd	Genesis 35.1-15	Acts 10.44-end
Monday	24 th	Ezekiel 37.15-end	John 17.1-19
Tuesday	25 th	Isaiah 56.1-8	Colossians 1.24-2.7
Wednesday	26 th	Nehemiah 2.1-10	Romans 12.1-8
Thursday	27 th	Deuteronomy 26.16-end	Romans 14.1-9
Friday	28 th	Leviticus 19.9-28	Romans 15.1-7
Saturday	29 th	Jeremiah 33.1-11	1 Peter 5.5b-end
Monday	31 st	Jonah 3	2 Corinthians 5.11-21

The Parish Church of St Matthew Northampton

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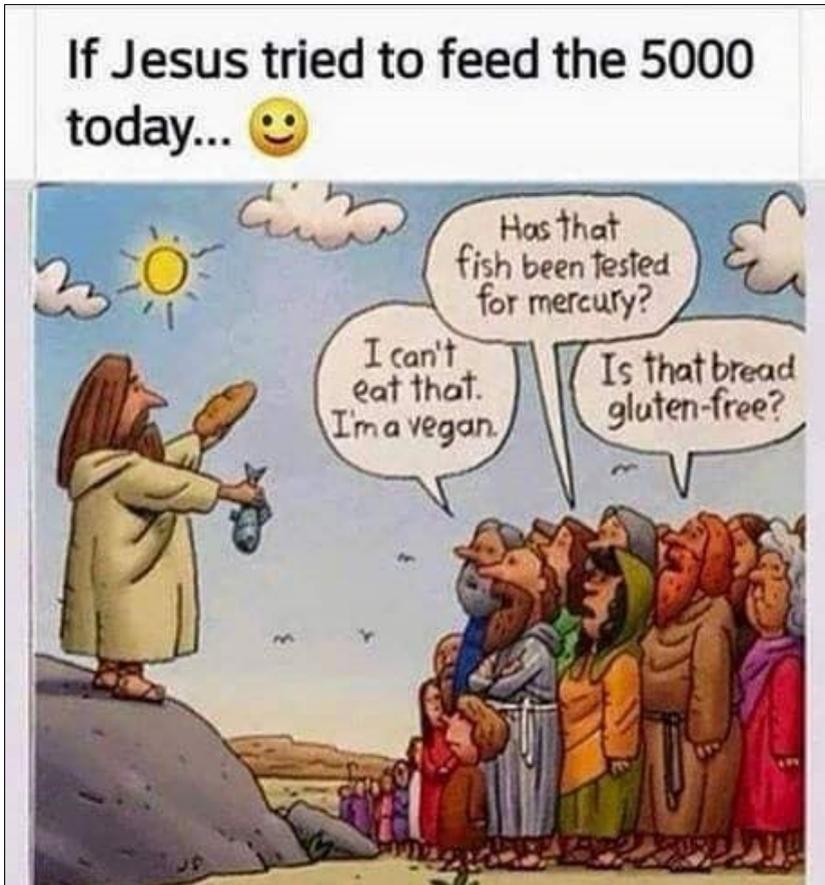
Scrabble

Our little band meet in the Parish Centre Garden Room on the first Monday of the month. As it's winter and gets dark early we now meet at **12.45pm** for refreshments with a prompt start at **1.00pm**, finishing the afternoon at **3.00pm**.

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Mary Wallis





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One Last Word about Christmas!

Dorrie Parker

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Parish Christmas Card Scheme. There were 45 participants, comprising of families, couples and singles, who all virtually gave a card to 'the congregation' and received a personalised card from 'the congregation' to take home. It started off as fundraising for our church, but all agree that it's the fellowship of the Scheme that's important – we're a Christian family and it's good to send Christmas greetings to each other.

So I can now reveal that £852.00 was donated, which with Gift Aid added where possible, has brought in a grand total of £1,028.75 for much-needed church funds.

St Matthew's Ladies Group

Please note the meetings are now on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the Parish Centre, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Meetings in January

10 January Pets as Therapy (there will be two dogs at this talk)

24 January Bob, a saxophone player – An afternoon of entertainment

Christmas stamps

Don't forget that we collect used stamps to recycle for Charity, so please let us have those stamps from your Christmas card envelopes. There's a box in the bookstall area in church in which to put them.

And do remember we collect stamps all year round...

Thank you



Caption Competition: ENTRY FORM

It's been a while since we've had one of these! This was sent in by Fr Nicholas so here's your chance to impress! He'd like it to be a fund-raiser, so start racking those brains and address your entry to **Fr Nicholas, c/o Parish Office**, clearly marked **CAPTION COMPETITION**, by **Sunday 16 January**, enclosing an entry fee (the size of donation will not affect the choice of winner, just your wit!). Entries will be judged by Fr Nicholas and he will announce the winner.



(This means I can have a go too, so if you don't want me to win hands down get your thinking caps on now! Ed.)

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December's Wordsearch Answers

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Spaces are available – please contact

Anita, Parish Administrator, at the Parish Office

Baptisms and Weddings

Initial Enquiries Evenings for Baptisms and Weddings take place at the Parish Centre on the first Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Our team is there to help you and give you all the information you need.

Floodlighting of the Church

If you would like to celebrate an anniversary or remember a loved one, St Matthew's can offer you the option of having the church floodlit at night.

The church would be floodlit all night, timed from dusk till dawn, at a cost of £20.00 per night. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.



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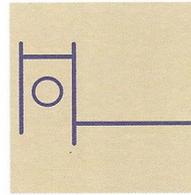
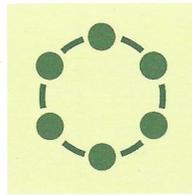
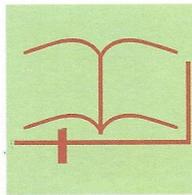
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Polly Matthews

<office@stmathews-northampton.org.uk>

Tel. 01604 846074



PARISHGIVINGSCHEME

Parish Office

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