



## This Week

Everyone is invited to join us for Daily Prayers in the Minster at **9am** and **12.30pm**. Minster opening times: **11-3pm** on weekdays and **11-6pm** on Friday with Minster Books from **2pm**, and on **Saturdays** from **10-2pm**.

<b>Monday</b>	10:00	Bright Lights - St Matthew's
<b>9th October</b>	12:15	Staff Bible Study & Meeting - St Matthew's
	19:45	Prayer for the Persecuted - 52 Lambert Avenue
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30	Barnabas - St Matthew's
<b>10th October</b>	10:30	Prayer for Street Pastors - St Matthew's
	17:30	Slimming World - St Matthew's
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:30	Funeral of Dorothy Evans - St Matthew's
<b>11th October</b>	12:30	Midweek Communion - Cheltenham Minster
	19:15	Youth Small Group - St Matthew's
	19:30	Rusty Musicians - St Matthew's
	19:45	Leckhampton Small Group - St Matthew's
	20:30	Football Practice - Balcarras
<b>Thursday</b>	09:30	Pre-School Praise - St Matthew's
<b>12th October</b>	10:00	Bible Study with Creche - St Matthew's
	10:30	CAMEO - St Matthew's
	14:15	Prayer for Teachers - 52 Lambert Avenue
	19:15	Central Small Groups Meal - St Matthew's
	19:30	Bellringer's Practice - Cheltenham Minster
	20:00	Central Small Groups - St Matthew's
	20:00	Life Explored Course - St Matthew's
<b>Friday</b>	19:00	Ignite - St Matthew's
<b>13th October</b>	19:45	Music Group (all welcome) - St Matthew's
<b>Saturday</b>	09:00	Diocesan Safeguarding Training - St Matthew's
<b>14th October</b>	10:30	St Matt's FC v Cirencester Pilgrims - Prestbury Playing Fields

## Life Explored

We all want to be happy, but why is lasting happiness so hard to find? Over 5 sessions, Life Explored will engage people with what they are truly living for and seek to reveal that the greatest pleasure in life is enjoying God himself. Ideal for those new to or exploring the Christian faith. Starts **8pm This Thursday (12th October)**. Contact Patrick: [paddyw@stmstm.org.uk](mailto:paddyw@stmstm.org.uk)

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 10th October** - Barnabas Group. **10.30am** at St Matthew's. Starting with coffee followed by a talk by Bob Drew about "The Butterfly Garden". Contact: David & Margaret Towers 01242 693121 or [dg.towers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dg.towers@yahoo.co.uk)

**Tuesday 10th October** – Books for Life LIVE – 'An unmissable line-up of authors and speakers'. Day event at Trinity Cheltenham. Tickets £20: [www.booksforlife.uk/live](http://www.booksforlife.uk/live)

**Wednesday 11th October** - Friends of The Minster coffee morning and Bring & Buy, **10.30 - 12 noon** at the Ormerods (The Garden House, West Drive, GL50 4LB, 01242 513896). Everyone welcome.

**Thursday 12th October 8pm** 'Life Explored' starting in St Matts. **7.15pm** for a meal. Explore what truly brings us happiness. Great for those new to or exploring the Christian faith.

**Wednesday 18th October - 7.30pm.** Riding Lights are bringing their Gospel Street production to St Matthews. Tickets available from the Box office: 01904 613000. For more info visit [ridinglights.org/gospel-street](http://ridinglights.org/gospel-street) or see Jeff Allen.

**Thursday 19th October** – "The refugee crisis is a test of our character". open meeting, **7.30pm** at Gas Green Baptist Church (Russell St, Cheltenham GL51 9HJ), speakers include Adele Owen, director of GARAS.

## 24 Hours of Prayer for Benefice Vacancy

A very big thank you to all those who gave up time in our recent 24 hours of prayer for our Benefice vacancy. Do please continue to pray about this and don't forget that there are ideas for prayer in the leaflet in the 'Prayer' section of the church's website.

## October Prayer Diary

Our October Bible Readings and Prayer Diary is now available. Please make sure you take a copy home with you or access it through the members' area of the website, so that together we can build a praying Christian community and encourage one another in our ministries.

## Harvest Festival

Today is our All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving at The **Ten O'clock**. As part of our thanks to our generous God, we have the opportunity to bring items for Foodbank & CCP's Foodshare to support those who are facing hard times. These should be non-perishable foodstuffs as well as toilet rolls, shower gel, etc. A Foodbank list is always available at the back of St. Matthew's.

In the Minster we will also be celebrating Harvest at **11am**. Please bring gifts of fresh or non-perishable foodstuffs and these will be donated to Cheltenham Open Door following the service.

## Harvest Hospitality Sunday

Today is our Harvest Hospitality Sunday. Sixty-nine people are either hosting or guesting at lunch today in church members' homes. All the communications regarding who's lunching with whom should have been done by now, but if you signed up and don't know where you are going, please see Bill Harvey.

Bon Appetit wherever you are lunching.

## Holiday Club is Coming!

Mon, Tues and Wed **10am–12.15pm, 23rd-25th October** at St Matthew's  
For **reception to Year 6** - Games, Bible stories, craft, songs, fun!  
£5 per child - email: [holidayclub@stmstm.org.uk](mailto:holidayclub@stmstm.org.uk) to register.

## The Grid

For **Years 7-9 - Mon 23rd 10am–12.15pm, 10am Tues 24th to 12.15  
Weds 25th** (with sleepover!)  
Plus celebration service on **Sunday 29th October** for all the family.

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**Deadline for inclusion in the following week's Notice Sheet is 9am on Tuesday**