

Sunday 14th January

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's (coffee and croissants served beforehand)

Anna and Simeon: Luke 1: 25-38 Preacher: Rod Pellereau
Older and Wiser

11am at Cheltenham Minster

The Sacrificial Lamb Revelation 5: 1-10 Preacher: Andy Hall
John 1: 29-34

6.30pm at St Matthew's

First Principles - Fall Genesis 3 Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

Sunday 21st January

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

Samuel: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Preacher: Bradley Salisbury
Listening to God

11am at Cheltenham Minster

Compassionate Deliverance Jonah 3: 1-10 Preacher: Robert Sutton
John 3: 16-21

6.30pm at St Matthew's

First Principles - Descent Genesis 4-5 Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the
days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**.

Monday	10:00	Bright Lights Toddler Group - St Matthew's
15th January	12:15	Staff Meeting - St Matthew's
	12:30	Mindfulness Course - St Matthew's
	19:15	PCC Prayers - St Matthew's
	19:45	PCC Meeting - St Matthew's
Tuesday	17:30	Slimming World - St Matthew's
16th January		
Wednesday	10:15	U3A Art Group - St Matthew's
17th January	12:30	Midweek Communion - Cheltenham Minster
	19:30	Youth Small Group - St Matthew's
	20:30	Football Practice - Balcarras
Thursday	10:00	Bible Study with Crèche - St Matthew's
18th January	10:30	CAMEO - St Matthew's
	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	Prayer for Bible Society - St Matthew's
Friday	11:15	Prayer for Cheltenham - Cheltenham Minster
19th January	19:00	Ignite - St Matthew's
	19:45	Music Group (all welcome) - St Matthew's
Saturday	10:30	St Matts FC v Cirencester Pilgrims
20th January		
Sunday	10:00	Launch of 'Life Together 2018'
21st January	14:15	Quarter Peal of the Minster Bells

Samara's Aid Appeal - 20th/21st January

Ceri Settatee is involved in supporting the above appeal, collecting items to be distributed to refugees in the Middle East. If you would like to donate, full details of what is needed appeared in this week's email, as well as how to contact Ceri. There is also a flyer available from the Welcome Table at the back of both churches with the same information.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 21st January – Bookings open for the Church Weekend Away (28th to 30th September 2018)

Saturday 27th January - Youth for Christ Gloucestershire Burns Night Ceilidh, **7pm to 10.30pm** at The Pavilion, Cheltenham. Tickets £10 (£8 for under 18s). Scottish themed buffet and dancing to live music. Tickets must be bought in advance. Contact office@yfcgloucestershire.co.uk or 01242 524408.

Saturday 17th February - Lent Quiet Day, **10-3pm** at Rudford (near Gloucester). You can book your place by using the sign-up sheet in The Minster or St Matthews. There are only 24 places available so book early to avoid disappointment. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. The cost for the day will be £5. Further information from Stephen Ayland, Diane Bruckland or Clare Dyson.

Thursday 1st March - CAMEO Lunch, from **10.30am** at St Matthew's.

Thursday 1st March - Parents' Cheese and Wine evening, **8-9.30pm** at St Matthew's. A Celebration of the Youth, Children and Families ministries for parents - come and catch the vision.

Can you help?

I am often asked if we can provide a few meals for people when they are coming out of hospital. This is particularly helpful for church family members who live alone. It can also be an answer to prayer as not everyone is blessed with a spouse who can cook! There are various ways meals can be provided. Fresh from your oven is great and meals that are frozen are also really helpful. Would this be something you could offer?

If so please let me know, with an email address or phone number. If I had a few people I could call on when needed it would be really helpful. And it's a great way to be answering Jesus request that we care for one another. *Matthew 26:31-46.*

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Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's Christmas Appeal for the Batam Farm project in Indonesia. There's still time to donate if you are able. Gifts can be made in two ways:

1. By Cheque or cash using the Special Gift Envelopes (Blue) – please make sure you mark it as “Christmas Appeal 2017”. If you are able to Gift Aid then please complete the rest of the relevant detail. Cheques need to be payable to “PCC St Mary’s with St Matthew’s”
2. By Bank Transfer direct to PCC of STMSTM, Sort Code 40 – 17 – 10, Account Number 50649236 and quote the reference “Christmas Appeal”. If you are able to Gift Aid then please complete the relevant details on the blue gift envelope available in Church or from the Church Office during the week. Please note on the envelope the date you transferred the funds direct to the bank account. All the blue envelopes should be placed in the Offering Plates at any services or direct to the Church Office during the week.

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Small Groups

We have 16 groups meeting for Bible Study and fellowship. Some meet in each others homes, others at St Matthews. Some meet weekly, some fortnightly and a couple monthly. Some meet in the day time others the evening.

Starting this month they are studying 1 Peter or 2 Corinthians. And a couple are looking at 'According to plan' about how the Old Testament relates to the New. If you would like to join a group please see Clare who will introduce you to one. They are all very friendly and welcoming.

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