

Sunday 11th February

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

Please join us for coffee and croissants before the service

Barnabas: Acts 11: 19-30 Preacher: Rod Pellereau
The Encourager

11am at Cheltenham Minster

Transforming Light 2 Corinthians 4: 3-7 Preacher: Eric Porter
Mark 9: 2-9

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Please join us for pancakes after the service

First Principles - Hope Genesis 12: 1-9 Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

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Lydia: Acts 16: 11-15 Preacher: Diane Bruckland
The Welcomer

11am at Cheltenham Minster

The Cross of Christ Matthew 16: 13-21 Preacher: Andy Hall
Romans 5: 6-11

6.30pm at St Matthew's

The Man who had Everything Ecclesiastes 1: 1-18 Preacher: Simon Phillips

The Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, You know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in 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	No Bright Lights
12th February	12:15 Staff Meeting - St Matthew's 20:00 Prayer Meeting - St Matthew's
Tuesday	10:30 Barnabas Group - St Matthew's
13th February	10:30 Prayer for Street Pastors - St Matthew's 17:30 Slimming World - St Matthew's 19:30 Lent Course - St Matthew's
Wednesday	12:30 Ash Wednesday Communion - The Minster
14th February	15:00 Lent Course - Cheltenham Minster No Youth Small Group 19:30 Band Practice - St Matthew's 20:30 Football Practice - Balcarras
Thursday	10:00 Bible Study with Crèche - St Matthew's
15th February	10:30 CAMEO - St Matthew's 19:15 Central Small Groups Meal - St Matthew's 19:30 Bellringer's AGM - St Matthew's 20:00 Central Small Groups - St Matthew's 20:00 Prayer for Bible Society - 20 Arden Road
Friday	10:00 Friday Small Group - St Matthew's
16th February	No Ignite or Friday Fun Club 19:45 Music Group (all welcome) - St Matthew's
Saturday	10:00 Quiet Day - Rudford (GL2 8DT - arrive from 9.30am)
17th February	
Sunday	14:30 Quarter Peal of the Minster Bells
18th February	

Easter Craft Afternoon

Who? Reception to Year 6

When? 2:30 - 4:45, Sunday 25th March

Where? St Matthew's Church

How much? £3 per child

Email: holidayclub@stmstm.org.uk or phone 01242 243592 for more info and to register. Book early to reserve a place.

Upcoming Events

This Evening (11th February) - Pancakes after the 6.30 Service.

Tuesday 13 February - Barnabas Group, **10.30am** at St Matthew's Church Eleanor Wintersgill talks on "An idyllic life of opportunity working in the NHS". Contact: David & Margaret Towers - 01242 693121.

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday communion service at **12:30** in Cheltenham Minster and in the evening at **7:30pm** at Christchurch, Malvern Road led by the Reverend Tim Mayfield.

Saturday 17th February - Lent Quiet Day at Rudford, near Gloucester (GL2 8DT), **10am-3pm**. There are sign-up sheets in both The Minster & St Matthews. Please sign up today. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. The cost for the day will be £5. Further information: Stephen Ayland, Diane Bruckland or Clare Dyson.

Wednesday 21st February - Reception with Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury at The Rock (St Peter's Church, Tewkesbury Road) from **7pm**. The evening will include an opportunity to find out more about the work and vision of The Rock and will include hot food. All welcome.

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.

Friday 2nd March – Women's World Day of Prayer Service at **10.30am** at The Minster. This is a service for everyone, written by the women of Suriname, on the theme of 'All God's Creation is Very Good'.

Sunday 11th March - Mothering Sunday. There will be a special Mothering Day Sunday Service at Cheltenham Minster for all who find this a difficult time. **11am - 12pm**.

Sunday 25th March - Easter Children's Craft Afternoon, at **2.30pm** at St Matthew's.

Saturday 21st April - Garth Hewitt Concert, **7.30pm** at St Matthew's

Wednesday 23rd May - 'In The Arena'. Men's event, **7.30-10pm** at Elim Church with speakers Rob Parsons and Gerrit Bantjes. Tickets £6, or £7 on the door. To book call 029 2081 0800 or visit cff.org.uk/inthearena.

Lent Course: The Mystery of Everything

A Lent Course is being run for 6 weeks starting on this Tuesday (13th February) on **Tuesday evenings** in St Matthews from **7.30-9pm**, and in Cheltenham Minster on **Wednesday afternoons** from **3 - 4.30pm**.

The course is based on extracts from the film 'The Theory of Everything' about the life of the physicist Stephen Hawking, and explores ways in which our faith and spiritual journeys can be strengthened and re-invigorated by looking at the mysteries of the universe and everyday life, accepting that we have more questions than answers.

The five sessions deal with; **1:** The experience of wonder, **2:** The mystery of weakness, **3:** The complexity of relationships, **4:** Encounter with frailty and **5:** Hope beyond brokenness. The film will be shown on the 13th-14th February with discussions starting the week after. For further information contact Andy Hall or Clare Dyson.

Minster Peal

The first peal on the new bells at the Minster will be rung on Saturday **24th February** starting at **9.30am**. This will be over three and a half hours of ringing, and the band who are ringing include bell donors and people who have worked on the project. The method (tune) will be Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and all 12 bells will be ringing.

Car Parking

We are hoping to secure some extra parking at the Euro Car Park on Sunday morning (9am to 1pm) and Sunday evening (4pm to 8pm) at a cost of £1 per week. Please could you let the office know (office@stmstm.org.uk or 01242 519520) if you would like to order one (if we can arrange it).

Our Weekend Away - 28th to 30th September

Bookings are now open - do pick up a booking form from the back of either church or from www.stmstm.org.uk/bookings. Please return your form to the Church Office as soon as you can and no later than **21st March**.

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