

Sunday 15th April

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

A Christian Country?

Amos 2: 4-16

Preacher: Clare Dyson

11am at Cheltenham Minster

Children of God

1 John 3: 1-7

Preacher: Andy Hall

Luke 24: 36-48

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Easter Aftermath

John 21: 1-25

Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

Sunday 22nd April

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

Responding to Injustice

Luke 4: 16-21

Preacher: The Amos Trust

11am at Cheltenham Minster

The Eternal Word

Psalms 119: 89-96

Preacher: Robert Sutton

Luke 24: 25-32

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Healthy Habits: Rest

Hebrews 4: 1-16

Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

The Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. 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. This week there will be **no Minster Books**, so the Minster will close at **3pm** on **Friday**, and will be open on **Saturday** from **10am - 12 noon**.

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| Monday 16th April | 10:00 | Bright Lights Toddler Group - St Matthew's |
| | 12:15 | Ministry Team Meeting - St Matthew's |
| | 19:45 | Standing & Finance Committee - St Matthew's |
| Tuesday 17th April | 17:30 | Slimming World - St Matthew's |
| Wednesday 18th April | 10:15 | U3A Art Group - St Matthew's |
| | 12:30 | Midweek Communion - The Minster |
| | 19:30 | Rusty Musicians - St Matthew's |
| | 19:30 | Youth Small Group - Annie & Simon's |
| | 20:30 | Football Practice - Balcarras |
| Thursday 19th April | 10:00 | Bible Study with Crèche - St Matthew's |
| | 10:30 | CAMEO - St Matthew's |
| | 19:15 | Central Small Groups Meal - St Matthew's |
| | 19:30 | Bellringers' Practice - Cheltenham Minster |
| | 20:00 | Central Small Groups - St Matthew's |
| Friday 20th April | 20:00 | Prayer for Bible Society - 20 Arden Road |
| | 19:00 | Ignite - St Matthew's |
| | 19:45 | Music Group (all welcome) - St Matthew's |
| Saturday 21st April | 20:00 | Friday Fun Club - St Matthew's |
| | 19:30 | Garth Hewitt Concert - St Matthew's |
| Sunday 22nd April | 12:30 | APCM Meeting - St Matthew's |
| | 14:30 | Minster Singers Rehearsal - The Minster |

Linley Lines

The March edition of the Linley Lines is now available at the back of both churches.

Thank you from Clare

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped over the Easter weekend - it's only possible to have so much happening with your assistance.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 21st April - Garth Hewitt Concert, **7.30pm** at St Matthew's. Tickets are now available from St Matthew's Reception Desk or visit www.stmstm.org.uk/garthhewitt

Sunday 22nd April - Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, to which everyone is invited. It will start at **12.30pm** and we would like people to bring their own picnic to eat in St Matthews after the morning services at both churches. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Monday 30th April - Concert at the Minster at **7.30pm**. Lyra Ensemble return from St. Petersburg. Sacred and Secular music. Tickets £7.00 from the Wilson 01242 237431 or Friends of the Minster 01242 513896.

Thursday 10th May - **8-9.30pm**. Parents' Cheese and Wine Evening. All parents: come and be encouraged, pick up resources, share ideas and catch the vision.

Tuesday 22nd May – 18th Annual Biblical Interpretation Lecture, 'Gospel Cannibalism and the Battle over Jesus', by Professor Chris Keith, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity. **7.30pm** at Francis Close Hall.

Christmas Appeal - Thanks from OM

On behalf of the Batam Farm, I would like to thank the Wardens and people of Cheltenham Minster with St Matthew's for your gift.

Our vision for Batam Farm is that it will be a centre to train church planters in both church planting and vocational skills. Your gifts have enabled us to accelerate the farm work schedule. We are in the process of setting up the Farm to be fully operational to facilitate the training.

Phillip Quek, Director of South East Asia Ministry (SEAM)

Hospitality Sunday - 20th May

We are holding our next Hospitality Sunday shortly. This gives us all a chance to host or be hosted by other members of our congregations over the dinner table on **Sunday 20th May**. If you would like to host or to be a guest do please add your name to the sign up sheets at the back of both churches or see Claire Chesworth at the Ten O'clock, Liz Horder at the Minster or Anna Harvey at the 6.30 Service. You will be advised of your guests or venue in the week running up to the 20th May.

Staff Changes

It's all change in the Church Office in April.

Emily Campbell is leaving our employment as an Admin Assistant on 17th April. Emily has been with us since August 2015. She will be missed for her cheerful efficiency & ability to process large volumes of work! Emily will be concentrating on developing her career as a singer and singing teacher. We trust that we will continue to enjoy her voice through the Minster Singers.

Secondly, Andy Sawers is leaving on 25th April. Andy has been our Admin Team Leader since November 2012. He will be missed for his sense of humour and proactive team leadership. Andy is going to be concentrating on growing his Commercial & Residential Energy & Telephony Business.

We want to thank both Emily and Andy for their work over the last few years and we wish them both success as they pursue the growth of their own businesses.

APCM Report

The Annual Report 2018 is now complete and ready for you to read ahead of the APCM on **Sunday 22nd April**. We are hoping all Church family members will read this paper about what our Churches have done in the past year. The report is available on our Church Website and hard copies will be available from both churches. The final version of the accounts are also available as a separate document.

Election of Officers

Election nomination forms are available for the election of two churchwardens, 1 Deanery Synod member and 5 PCC members. Please note that two of the PCC vacancies are not for the full 3 year term as they result from mid term resignations. 1 is for 2 years and the other is for 1 year. These forms must be in the Chair's hand prior to the APCM on **22nd April**.

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