

Sunday 13th May

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's - *Please join us for breakfast before the service*

Confession is good for you. Amos 5:4-27 Preacher: Bradley Salisbury

11am at Cheltenham Minster

The Return Journey Acts 1:1-11 Preacher: Josie Goodwin
John 17:6-19 Ladies' College Chaplain

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Enthroned Revelation 1 Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

Sunday 20th May - Pentecost

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

Pentecost **All-Age** Service Acts 2:1-13 Preacher: Jayne Seward

11am at Cheltenham Minster

Streams of Living Water John 7: 37-44 Preacher: Robert Sutton
Acts 1:3 -14

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Hear the Spirit Revelation 2-3 Preacher: Simon Phillips

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know 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 and **11-6pm** on Friday with Minster Books from **2pm**, and on **Saturdays** from **10-2pm**.

Monday	10.00	Bright Lights Toddler Group
14th May	20.00	Church Prayer Meeting - St. Matthew's
Tuesday	10.15	Encounters - St. Matthew's
15th May	13.00	Prayer Working Group - St. Matthew's
	17:30	Slimming World - St Matthew's
	19.45	Prayer for Persecuted 52 Lambert Ave.
Wednesday	10.15	U3A Art Group - St. Matthew's
16th May	12:30	Midweek Communion - The Minster
	18:30	Football Practice Swindon Village Playing Fields
	19:30	Youth Small Group - Annie & Simon's
	19.30	Rusty Musicians – St. Matthew's
Thursday	10:15	Bible Study with Crèche - St Matthew's
17th May	10:30	CAMEO - St Matthew's
	19:15	Central Small Groups Meal - St Matthew's
	19:30	Bell ringers' Practice - Cheltenham Minster
	20:00	Central Small Groups - St Matthew's
	20.00	Prayer for Bible Society - 20 Arden Road
Friday	19:00	Ignite - St Matthew's
18th May	19:45	Music Group (all welcome) - St Matthew's
	20:00	Friday Fun Club - St Matthew's
Saturday	14.00	Wedding of Katherine Riley and David Green
19th May		-St. Matthew's

Church Prayer Meeting – Monday 14th May

Come and join together at **8.00pm** in St. Matthew's to pray for the church, our town and the world.

Never doubt the power of prayer.

Although we love to record events in the life of our church family, please note that we have a policy of **No Photography** without permission.

Please speak to a member of staff or the Churchwardens.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 15th May 7.30pm Prayer for Schools Network. See back page.

Saturday 19th May 9.30-10.30 If you are in town listen out as the Minster bell ringers will ring a quarter peal in honour of the Royal Wedding.

Sunday 20th May - Hospitality Sunday. See back page for details.

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.

Tuesday 5th June at 7.00pm - **Dr Paula Gooder** speaking at Gloucester Cathedral. See back page for more details

Sunday 10th June - Whole church family Picnic in Pittville Park **12.30**.

Iona Retreat 18th-22nd September 2018

Journeying together: an exploration into Celtic Spirituality.

Clare Dyson is co-leading a retreat to Iona, the tiny island off Mull known as the 'cradle of Christianity' in Scotland. This offers you a chance to spend time apart and find rest and refreshment. We will be fully catered for freeing us to immerse ourselves in the peace and quiet of this beautiful place. There are 10 places available for people from the Minster and St Matthews. The cost is £310 per person (not including travel).

Please see Clare for further information.

From the Churchwardens: We want to thank everyone for your prayers and support for the candidates' visit day and interviews on Monday and Tuesday this week. We had a great deal of help from a lot of people and we are truly grateful. The two PCCs were able to meet the candidates briefly over supper and the candidates saw all three churches, the Rectory and had a walking tour of some of the town centre. We had a very positive day on Tuesday and we expect to be able to give you more information reasonably soon but we still have to be patient for the moment.

Contact details: Charlotte 01242 574153 or cajamie@aol.com
and Paul 01242 242245 or paulcollacott@supanet.com

Prayer for Schools Network– 15th May 7.30

‘Praise, Prayer and Puddings!’

Come along to Oakwood Primary School to pray for our local schools and to be encouraged by what God is doing.

Hospitality Sunday - 20th May

If you have signed up, Claire Chesworth will be contacting you this week with the arrangements. Any late bookings, please contact Claire directly today and she will try to accommodate you.

Prayer Stations at the Minster

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are encouraging Christians to join a global wave of prayer entitled **Thy Kingdom Come** and pray that their friends and neighbours will come to know Jesus. To help you in your prayers we have set up prayer stations in The Minster based on The Lord’s Prayer. Each one has an activity suitable for All Ages. Do call in when you are in town. They will be there until May 20th and the Minster is open daily from 11 am to 3 pm.

Dr Paula Gooder is speaking on **Tuesday 5th June at 7.00pm** in Gloucester Cathedral on **‘A woman's place? Imagining and re-imagining women in the New Testament’**. It is all too easy to imagine women out of the New Testament story but there are a few occasions when female perspectives or stories about women are hinted at in the text. This lecture will reflect on how easily we imagine the few women who were there out of the text and on what happens when we put them back in.

Free event, but please book your place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-perham-university-cathedral-lecture-dr-paula-gooder-tickets-42269553372

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