

### Sunday 12th May

#### The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

'Do you love me?'                      John 21:1-19                      Preacher: Bradley Salisbury

#### 11am at Cheltenham Minster

'Do you love me?'                      John 21:1-19                      Preacher: Diane Bruckland

#### 6.30pm at St Matthew's

Who's in?                                  Matthew 22:1-14                      Preacher: Richard Coombs

### Sunday 19th May

#### The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

The Leadership Crisis                      1 Samuel 1:1-20                      Preacher: Richard Coombs

#### 11am at Cheltenham Minster

The Leadership Crisis                      1 Samuel 1:1-20                      Preacher: Clare Dyson

#### 6.30pm at St Matthew's

A sting in the tale                      Matthew 25: 1-13                      Preacher: Richard Coombs

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

## This Week

Everyone is invited to join us for Daily Prayers in the Minster at **12.30pm**.  
Minster opening times: **11-3pm** on weekdays and this **Saturday** from  
**10-2pm**. There is no Minster Bookshop next weekend

<b>Monday</b> <b>13th May</b>	10.00	Bright Lights Toddler Group - St. Matthew's
	14.30	Pastoral Visitors' Meeting - St. Matthew's
	20.00	Church Prayer Meeting - St. Matthew's
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14th May</b>	10.30	Prayer for Street Pastors- St. Matthew's
	12.30	Staff Bible Study and meeting - Rectory
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15th May</b>	11.30	Thanksgiving for Ken King - St. Matthew's
	12.30	Midweek Communion - The Minster
	14.00	Wednesday Small Group - St. Matthew's
	19:30	Youth Small Group (Yrs 10-13) Annie & Simon's
<b>Thursday</b> <b>16th May</b>	09.30	Preschool Praise - St. Matthew's
	10.15	Bible Study with creche - St Matthew's
	10:30	CAMEO - St Matthew's
	19:15	Central Small Groups' Meal - St Matthew's
	19:30	Bell ringers' Practice - The Minster
	20:00	Central Small Groups - St Matthew's
	20.00	Christianity Explored - St Matthew's
	20.00	Prayer for the Bible Society - 20 Arden Road
<b>Friday</b> <b>17th May</b>	10.00	Friday Small Group - St Matthew's
	19:00	Ignite (Yrs 7-9) - St Matthew's
	19:45	Music group practice - St. Matthew's All singers and musicians welcome
	20:00	Friday Fun Club (Yrs 10-13) - St Matthew's

The Thanksgiving Service for **Ken King** will take place in St Matthew's at 11.30 this Wednesday. The service is followed by burial at Cheltenham Cemetery. Please pray for Brenda and all the family at this time.

Our next **Church Prayer Meeting** is tomorrow **Monday 13th May** in St Matthew's at 8.00pm. Everyone welcome.

## From Richard

I was very pleased to announce last Sunday that Simon Phillips has been appointed as our Associate Minister with responsibility for 18s-30s and will be starting his new role in September. Simon is currently serving as a part time intern at St Luke's, working part time for The Rock and completing his MA at Trinity College, Bristol. He will take responsibility the 6.30 service, the central small groups and reaching out to the 18-30s in our church and our town. I very much look forward to working with him.

As I said at the APCM, Patrick Wheaton will be moving to a full-time role as Associate Vicar in charge of St Luke's and Simon will be taking over his responsibilities at The Minster and St Matthew's. The ministry at St Luke's has grown considerably over the last few years and this will enable to Patrick to focus on building his own team and on mission to the St Luke's parish. I am very grateful to the wardens and PCC at St Luke's who will be contributing a higher proportion of parish share to The Minster and St Matthew's so that, over the next three years, they will be fully funding Patrick's ministry. That will help to fund Simon's ministry at The Minster and St Matthew's.

We will be having three gift Sundays in June when we will be seeking to raise additional funds to fully support our paid Ministry Team – Clare Dyson (Associate Minister with responsibility for The Minster and Pastoral Care), Jayne Seward (Children's Minister and Church Administrator), Annie Phillips (Youth Minister), Simon Phillips (Associate Minister for 18-30s), and the support teams – Luke Blackburn, Sarah Brown, and Jenny Aldridge. There will be more details about this soon.

I would also like to thank everyone who has been so supportive to me since the death of my mother. I have had many cards, messages and expressions of sympathy which have made such a difference. The Ministry Team also took on extra burdens while I was out of action for a few weeks and I am very grateful to them. It's wonderful to be part of the body of Christ who 'Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn' (Romans 12:14).

If you need to contact Richard for any reason, his e-mail address is [richardcoombs@stmstm.org.uk](mailto:richardcoombs@stmstm.org.uk) and phone number, 01242 703154

## Upcoming Events

- Mon 13th May** Church Prayer Meeting St Matthew's 8.00pm  
**Thurs 23rd May** Parents' Cheese and Wine Evening St Matt's 8 –9.30pm  
**Thurs 30th May** Ascension Day Communion Service The Minster 7.30pm  
**Sun 2nd June** Church Picnic Pittville Park 12.30pm  
**Sat 29th June** Families, Youth/Children's Trip West Midlands Safari Park  
**Sat 13th July** Summer Merriment The Minster 2.00 - 6.00pm

**'Summer Merriment'** Summer is coming and so we're planning a great church event for **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** 2-6pm for outreach and fun and all things summery ... and calling it 'Summer Merriment'.

Think summer version of the wonderful Christmas Minster Merriment! There'll be a BBQ, steel drum band, football cage, bouncy castle, ice-cream van, strawberries and Pimms and a great Minster Singers' concert to round things off plus the invitation to come and hear more about Jesus. So put the date in your diaries and please let Annie or the office know if you can help. We need volunteers for all sorts of things e.g. setting up, welcoming, serving food, delivering leaflets and clearing away so the more folk on board the better.

**Youth for Christ** Graham Philpott is undertaking the Lon Las Challenge – a 230 mile cycle ride from Holyhead to Cardiff which is raising funds for Gloucestershire Youth for Christ. Please consider sponsoring Graham so that YFC's work of bringing hope to young people in these difficult and challenging times can continue.

See Graham or go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/grahamphi>

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