



Sunday 9th June

Pentecost

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

A king after God's heart 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Preacher: Rod Pellereau

11am at Cheltenham Minster

A king after God's heart 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Preacher: Mike Milburn

6.30pm at St Matthew's

The Spirit in Mission Preacher: Patrick Wheaton

Sunday 16th June

Giving Sundays

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

and

11am at Cheltenham Minster

and

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Giving Sacrificially 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Preacher: Richard Coombs

Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 **11-6pm** on Friday
with Minster Books from **2pm** and on **Saturdays** from **10-2pm**.

Monday 10th June	10.00	Bright Lights Toddler Group - St. Matthew's
	14.30	Pastoral Visitors' Team Meeting - St. Matthew's
	20.00	Church Prayer Meeting - St. Matthew's
Tuesday 11th June	10.30	Barnabas Group - St. Matthew's
	10.30	Prayer for Street Pastors - St. Matthew's
	12.30	Staff Bible Study and meeting - Rectory
	19.45	Buildings and Fabrics Committee - St. Matthew's
Wednesday 12th June	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
Thursday 13th June	09.30	Preschool Praise - St Matthew's
	10.15	Bible Study with creche - St Matthew's
	10:30	CAMEO - St Matthew's
	14.15	Prayer for Teachers - 19 Hartley Close
	19:15	Central Small Groups' Meal - St Matthew's
	19:30	Bell ringers' Practice - The Minster
20:00	Central Small Groups - St Matthew's	
Friday 14th June	10.00	Friday Small Group - St. Matthew's
	11.15	Prayer for Cheltenham - The Minster
	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
Saturday 15th June	11.00	Jazz Concert - The Minster

Our next **Church Prayer Meeting** is this **Monday 10th June**
in St Matthew's at 8.00pm Everyone is welcome.

From Richard

100 years ago, in the aftermath of World War 1, many evangelical Christians were hoping and praying that one of the positive outcomes of the horrors of the war would be a great spiritual awakening across the Western world that had been so hideously torn apart. It was not to be so, but this week I have just been reading about one local revival which began in Toronto exactly 100 years ago and seems particularly appropriate to remember on Pentecost Sunday.

Two itinerant American evangelists, Harold L Stephens and his brother, George, were invited to speak at Calvary Baptist Church in the East end of Toronto. They were Methodists who had a particular emphasis on the need for Christians to repent of their sins and recommit themselves to Christ and the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Harold Stephens preached as follows: 'Every person in this church, and every other church, too, should realise that without the Holy Spirit the church must fail. The Spirit gives us faith and courage. He makes us strong. He sends us on our way rejoicing. Let the church people become more and more imbued with the Holy Spirit and the church will be what Christ meant it should be.'

The result of their preaching in Toronto in 1919 was an extraordinary work of the Holy Spirit. There was a recommitment to listen to the word of God, a hunger to worship Christ, a passion to see people come to faith in him and a renewed desire to serve as Christians in society. In the century that followed, the church in Toronto would see over 100 of their congregation commissioned as cross-cultural missionaries, and at times, over a third of the church's annual budget was given to mission work.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see such a revival in our time here in Cheltenham? Wouldn't Pentecost Sunday be a good day to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew his work in us?

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

Upcoming Events

Mon 10th June	Church Prayer Meeting St. Matthew's 8.00pm
Tues 11th June	Barnabas Group St. Matthew's 10.30 am
Sat 15th June	Jazz Concert at The Minster 11am– 12 noon
Sat 29th June	Families'/Youth/Children's Trip West Midlands Safari Park
Sat 13th July	Summer Merriment The Minster 2.00 - 6.00pm

Concerned about world poverty, climate change, plastic...?

Then our World Prayer Focus this month is for you! It's based on the UN's blueprint for our planet known as the Sustainable Development Goals because many of these reflect Christian values e.g. health care, education, zero hunger, action on climate change, gender equality, fair trade.

Full list see <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

Why not pick an issue and pray for a change in the mindset of governments and individuals so real progress can be made. E.g. pray for: a change in single use plastic and for clean-up in the oceans, or Tearfund's toilet twinning programme – check this out when you're next in the loo at church, or growth in fair trade, or education opportunities for all both locally and world-wide. Then thank God for all that we have and, after prayer, take action in how we live our lives and engage with others on our planet.

Barnabas Group next meets on **Tues 11th June** St Matthew's 10.30am, for a talk by Mike Milburn entitled "From freefall parachuting to faith – a journey". For more information contact David & Margaret Towers 01242 693121 or email dg.towers@yahoo.co.uk

Jazz Concert at the Minster sat 15th June at 11am-12noon by Cheltenham based 'Triple Sec Septet'. Traditional and contemporary jazz selections. Light refreshments afterwards. Retiring Collection.

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