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Sunday 8th September

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

Mountain Manifesto:

How to Live under God's blessing Matthew 5:1-12 Preacher: Richard Coombs

11am at Cheltenham Minster

How to Live under God's blessing Matthew 5:1-12 Preacher: Clare Dyson

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Foundations: Responding to the Gospel Acts 2: 37-41 Preacher: Simon Phillips

Sunday 15th September

The Ten O'clock at St Matthew's

Mountain Manifesto:

How to have influence on society Matthew 5:13-16 Preacher: Rod Pellereau

11am at Cheltenham Minster

Battle of Britain Service Psalm 2; Acts 4:23-31 Preacher: Richard Coombs

6.30pm at St Matthew's

Foundations: Being church Acts 2: 37-41 Preacher: Simon Phillips

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

God of mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow,
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	10.00	Bright Lights Toddler Group - St. Matthew's
9th Sept	20.00	Church Prayer Meeting - St. Matthew's
Tuesday	10.30	Barnabas Group - St. Matthew's
	10.30	Prayer for Street Pastors - St. Matthew's
10th Sept	12.30	Staff Bible Study and meeting - Rectory
Wednesday	12.30	Midweek Communion - The Minster
11th Sept	14.00	Prayer Working Group - St. Matthew's
Thursday	09.30	Preschool Praise - St. Matthew's
12th Sept	10.00	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
Friday	10.00	Friday Small Group - St Matthew's
13th Sept	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 October Holiday Club

It's time to sign up and invite friends and neighbours to our amazing Holiday Club.

See Jayne for invitations and forms today.

Awesome (Reception to Year 6) **10am - 12.15pm**

The Grid (Years 7+) **10am - 4pm**

Mon, Tues and Wed **28th - 30th October**

Exciting info on the relaunch of **The Grid** coming next week.

Breakfast at The Ten O'clock You can tell from the buzz and general chatter this morning that our breakfast and cake weeks are proving great means of welcoming visitors and increasing our sense of community here at St. Matt's. Many thanks to all who help serve this on a monthly basis. We now need a few more helpers, if you think that you could serve your church family in this way, why not contact Clare Salisbury (07587170374) today?

From Richard

Farewells and Welcomes

September is often a time for fresh starts and the Minster and St Matt's is no exception. In case you have been away over the last few weeks, you might not have noticed that we have said goodbye to two long standing members of our church family.

Gareth and Sonia Griffiths with Myfanwy and Vaughan left us on 25th August for Gareth to begin theological training at Oak Hill Theological College in North London. They went with our prayers, tears and blessings. He's already loving it and writes, 'First lectures today Augustine, Anselm, Gregory the Great and Henry of Poitiers all got a mention. I feel at home.....' Is there anyone else in the church family who might consider ordained ministry? Do have a word with me.

Patrick Wheaton left us last Sunday for full time ministry as Associate Vicar at St Luke's. He and Louise have given so much to The Minster and St Matthews over the six years that they have been with us. Latterly, Patrick's responsibility has been for the 6.30 and Central Small Groups. We thanked him, prayed for him and gave him a farewell gift last Sunday.

Andy Hall's sabbatical has come to an end and we are marking his retirement from responsibility for the Minster after the 11am service on 22nd September. We are so grateful to him and Barbara for their ministry at the Minister and look forward to welcoming Andy back to the church family.

With farewells come welcomes and it was a great joy to welcome **Simon Phillips** as our minister with responsibility for 18s-30s last Sunday. Simon is well known to many of us already as Annie's husband and member of the 6.30. He will be taking over leadership of the 6.30 and Central Small Groups from Patrick but he will also be heading up our ministry to students, our social media and helping with our music ministry.

Welcome Lunches

If you have joined the Minister or St Matthew's over the last six months, Nicola and I would love to invite you to a welcome lunch at The Rectory, 38 Sydenham Villas Road, GL52 6DZ on Sunday 6th October or Sunday 13th October at 1pm. This will be an opportunity to get to know some of the staff team, hear about the church's vision and how you can get involved. Children are very welcome as well. Please let me know if you would like to come and on which Sunday.

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Harvest Thanksgiving and Cheltenham Half Marathon Sunday 29th September

There will be an All Age Harvest Celebration in St. Matthew's at 10.00 am and a more traditional service in The Minster at 11.00 am.

We will then all join together, along with members of 6.30, for a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch in St. Matthew's at 12.15

As this is also the Cheltenham Half Marathon, we would like a small group to offer a **Refreshments Stand** outside St. Matt's for passers-by. If you are able to help with this please contact the church office.

Family News

'We just wanted to say a huge thank you for the lovely send-off the other week and for your generous gifts - we are very grateful and will miss you all! We are now at 2 Farm Lane, London, N14 4PP as Gareth starts his theological training. We would love to keep in touch - if you'd like to receive our prayer letter, or just want to say hello, we'd love to hear from you'. Garethgriffith@hotmail.com, soniag715@googlemail.com

Love **Gareth, Sonia, Myfanwy and Vaughan Griffith.**

Anne Jones wishes to 'thank everyone for their care and support over the last few months since my accident. I very much appreciated the many cards, 'phone calls and offers of lifts'.

Barnabas Group next meets on **Tuesday 10th Sept** at St Matthew's starting with coffee at 10.30am, followed by a talk by Karen Lawton about "Mindsong", a local charity providing a range of services using music and song, for those living with Dementia and those who care for them. For more info contact David and Margaret Towers 01242 693121 or email dg.towers@yahoo.co.uk

Concert The Cotswold Male Voice Choir 70th Anniversary Concert is being held in St. Matthew's on Sat 5th October at 7.30pm. Please see Henry and Kathy Williams for 'early bird' tickets at £8 each.

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