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*Passionate about Jesus*

### Sunday 8th March

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

God's people are ...

light not darkness

Ephesians 5:3-20

Preacher: Rod Pellereau

**11am at Cheltenham Minster**

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Ephesians 5:3-20

John 1:1-13

Preacher: Rod Pellereau

**6.30pm at St Matthew's**

**True Stories of Forgiveness**

A cheat

Luke 19:1-10

Preacher: Richard Coombs

### Sunday 15th March

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

God's people are ...

submissive not subversive

Ephesians 5:21-33

Preacher: Richard Coombs

**11am at Cheltenham Minster**

God's people are ...

Submissive not subversive

Ephesians 5:3-20

Preacher: Mike Milburn

**6.30pm at St Matthew's**

**True Stories of Forgiveness**

A Criminal

Luke 23:32-43

Preacher: John Harvey

## 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 **10-12pm** Saturdays

<b>Monday</b>	10.00	Bright Lights Toddler Group - St. Matthew's
<b>9th March</b>	20.00	Church Prayer Meeting - St. Matthew's
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.30	Barnabas Group - St. Matthew's
<b>10th March</b>	10.30	Prayer for Street Pastors - St. Matthew's
	12.45	Staff Bible Study and meeting - The Rectory
<b>Wednesday</b>	07.45	Town Centre Small Group - St. Matthew's
<b>11th March</b>	10.30	U3A New Members Meeting - St. Matthew's
	12.30	Midweek Communion Service - The Minster
	19.30	Youth Small Group - Bill Harvey's house
<b>Thursday</b>	09.30	Preschool Praise - St. Matthew's
<b>12th March</b>	10.15	Thursday Bible Study - St. Matthew's
	10.15	Uncover - St. Matthew's
	10.30	CAMEO - St. Matthew's
	14.30	Prayer for Teachers - 46 Greenway Lane
	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	Uncover - Scandinavian Coffee Pod, Royal Well Pl
<b>Friday</b>	10.00	Friday Small Group - St. Matthew's
<b>13th March</b>	19:00	Friday Night Youth (Years 7-13) - St Matthew's
	19:45	Music group practice - St. Matthew's
		All singers and musicians welcome

Our **Church Prayer Meeting** is this **Monday 9th March 8pm** at St Matthew's. Come and join with us in praising the Lord and then praying for our church, our town and our world.

**Barnabas Group** meets this **Tuesday 10th March** at St Matthew's starting with coffee at 10.30am, followed by a talk from Pam Miller entitled "Why send a cow?". For more info contact David and Margaret Towers 01242 693121 or email [dg.towers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dg.towers@yahoo.co.uk)

## From Richard      Coronavirus

As the number of cases of Coronavirus in the UK increases there is naturally a concern about public gatherings such as church services and meetings. The first point to note is that we should respond to this situation with faith. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.' Even though we might think that the spread of a virus is a random and chance event, the Lord is in control and he has his plans and purposes even for the outbreak of disease. We should, of course, pray for the swift control of the outbreak and for those who have been personally affected by it. But we should not panic because the Lord is sovereign even over disease and we should encourage each other and those outside the church to put our trust in him.

Trusting the Lord doesn't mean that we shouldn't also follow the current advice from the diocese and Government (which has also been put in place by the Lord – 1 Peter 2:13-14) which is as follows:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is particularly important if you have come to a church meeting by public transport.
- If you feel unwell, do not come to church meetings, stay at home and do not go to work or school.
- If you cough or sneeze, use a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin.
- We will clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the church buildings.
- Communion can still be taken but please do not dip the bread into the communion cup. If you are concerned, take the bread only. Those who are serving should wash their hands before they administer communion.
- We will still exchange the peace but will do so verbally and without shaking hands or hugging.

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

## **Saturday Morning New Home Group for Working Women**

Heidi Bowcher is looking to start up a new home or prayer group for working women. She is proposing to run this on Saturday mornings in term time (excluding School Exeats). Timings and venue to be decided. Please contact Heidi: [heidibowch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heidibowch@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested.

## **Youth For Christ Gloucestershire Ceilidh**

fun, food and dancing

**Sat 28th March** at 7.30 pm.

The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, GL51 6PN

Adults £12 Under 18s £10

Price includes Pulled Pork Bap with apple sauce and Dessert.

Vegetarian alternative. Licensed bar available.

Tickets online via QR code on flyers in church

or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/youth-for-christ-gloucestershire/t-ooazdy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/youth-for-christ-gloucestershire/t-ooazdy)

## **Not on our Turf** further to Richard's last letter:

**Show your support** for the campaign by going to [www.notonourturf.org](http://www.notonourturf.org)

**Get involved** with these events:

### **Doughnuts and Flyers**

**When:** Tues 10th, Weds 11th or Thurs 12th March 5:00pm -6:30pm

**Where: Outside Trinity Church** in Portland Street and Winchcombe St. You need to be able to engage with wide variety of people with an easy manner and pick up on conversations if initiated by others.

### **Praying in Trinity Church**

**When:** Tues 10th, Weds 11th or Thurs 12th March 5:00pm – 6:30pm

### **Prayer walk Town Centre**

**When:** Tues 10th, Weds 11th or Thurs 12th March 7:30pm – 9:00pm

**Where:** Meeting at Trinity House

You need to be able to engage in street conversations as required.

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