

Welcome to St Matthew's

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Christmas Notices

As in previous years, this is a double issue of our notice sheet covering weeks commencing Sundays 26th December and 2nd January. Please keep hold of it for next week.

Sunday 26th December First Sunday of Christmas



10.00am Said Eucharist

Our Readings: *(see separate sheet for text)*

1 Samuel 2:18-20.26

Eli blesses Samuel's mother for giving him to the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-17

Paul tells of a life of compassion, kindness and love.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-end

Jesus listens to and talks with the teachers in the temple at Jerusalem.

Happy Christmas from your Churchwardens

Pip and Daphne would like to thank everyone for their help and support during what has been a very difficult year. We wish you all a very Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy New Year.



Our Prayers

We remember all in Watford Deanery:

The Deanery, its Synod and Chapter and Churches Together



We pray for those in our Community:

Those who live in Green Lane and Grove Bank.
Emily celebrating her birthday.

We think of those who have asked for our prayers.

This week we pray for those who are carers and those grieving for loved ones who have died. Our special thoughts are with Richard, Sandy, Judith and Penny.

We remember those who have gone before:

We give thanks for our own family and friends who have gone before us, especially Sid and Win Carpenter whose years mind falls at this time.

The Departed:

We remember all who have died recently.

If you would like to ask for someone other than yourself to be added to the prayer list, please make sure that you have their permission first.

Rotas for This Week and the Next Two

Service	Sidespeople	Intercessor	Readers	Coffee
26 th December	-	Fr Sam	Fr Sam	N/a
2 nd January	Pip and Hugh	Roger	Pip	Daphne
9 th January	Margaret and David	Pip	Rachel S	Marilyn and John

NB: Due to the new Omicron variant of Covid, we will not be offering the common cup for the time being. This will be reviewed before next Easter.

Services and Events for Christmas Week

Tuesday to Saturday : 9.00am Morning Prayer (to be confirmed)

Thursday 30th December

10.00am Said Eucharist (no coffee etc)

2nd January 2022 : Epiphany



10.00am Carol Mass when we add the Wise Men figures to the Crib in front of the altar.

The service is followed by refreshments in the Hall – everyone welcome.

Our Sunday Schools will restart on 9th January 2022 after our usual Christmas break. Please contact Debbie Lim on safeguarding@stmatthewsoxhey.org.uk for further information.

Our Readings: (*see separate sheet for text*)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah foretells that kings will visit Jesus with gold and frankincense.

Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul tells them that Gentiles are sharers in Christ Jesus gospel..

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The story of wise men coming to visit Jesus.

Hymns for Epiphany Sunday

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| 537 | We three Kings |
| 71 | Brightest and best |
| 394 | O worship the Lord |
| 193 | Hail to the Lord's anointed |
| 41 | As with gladness men of old |

Forthcoming Services and Events

(All future events are subject to any new Covid-19 regulations that may come into force in the New Year)

Tuesday to Saturday : 9.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 6th January (Epiphany)

2.30pm Afternoon tea and cake followed at

3.30pm Said Eucharist

This is an open afternoon where you can come and go as you please. You are welcome to come for just tea, just Communion or for both.

Sunday 9th January The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

The service is followed by refreshments in the Hall – everyone welcome.

Children meet in the Hall for Music Group and SMAYT, depending on Covid restriction - Please contact Debbie for confirmation and for all information on children's activities:

safeguarding@stmatthewsoxhey.org.uk

Tuesday 11th January

7.30pm Said Eucharist followed by

8.00pm PCC meeting

Thursday 13th January

10.00am Said Eucharist followed by coffee and chat.

Items for the weekly notice sheet should be given in writing to Daphne Boskey or sent to: newsletter@stmatthewsoxhey.org.uk.

Deadline is 4.00pm on Wednesday evening.

Inclusion of items received after this deadline cannot be guaranteed.

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