

Welcome to St Matthew's

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Sunday 16th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

After the service everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall for refreshments and chat.

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 Easter.

Due to the high numbers of Covid, Sunday schools will be taking place on Zoom for the month of January. Please contact Debbie Lim for further information: (safeguarding@stmatthewsoxhey.org.uk).

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

Isaiah 62:1-5

God declares his love for Jerusalem and it's people

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

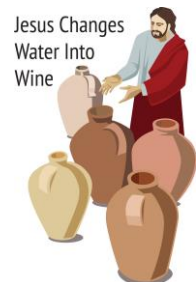
There are many gifts in the Holy Spirit but all come from God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

Hymns:

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| 174 | God of grace and God of glory |
| 14 | All heaven declares |
| 464 | Take my life and let it be |
| 53 | Be still for the presence of the Lord |
| 10 | All for Jesus |



Our Prayers



We remember all in Watford Deanery:

Watford: St John and Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project.

We pray for those in our Community:

Those who live in Haydon Road and Heath Road.

Alex B celebrating his 16th birthday.

We think of those who have asked for our prayers.

This week we pray for those who are recovering from or waiting for operations or test results, especially April and Leigh-Ann. Our special thoughts are also with Richard, Sandy, Judith, Penny.

We remember all those who have gone before:

We give thanks especially for our own family and friends who have gone before us, especially those whose years mind falls at this time: Canon Peter Palmer, Geoffrey Greenstreet and Ernie Rossen.

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 Next

Date	Sidespeople	Intercessor	Readers	Coffee
16 th January	John and Marilyn	Marilyn	Adrian and Fiona	Rachel and Adam T
23 rd January	Pip and Rachael T	Taylor Family	Daphne	Anne and Catherine

Forthcoming Services and Events

Tuesday to Saturday : 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 18th January

7.30pm Pastoral and Worship Committee

Thursday 20th January

10.00am Said Eucharist followed by coffee and chat.

2-4.00pm Bookswap and Craft Social Club

In the Hall. Everyone welcome for tea/coffee and homemade cake. Swapping books and doing crafts are optional extras.



Sunday 23rd January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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

Please contact Debbie for all information on children's activities: safeguarding@stmatthewsoxhey.org.uk

27th January

10.00am Said Eucharist followed by coffee and chat

30th January: Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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

(All events are subject to any new Covid-19 regulations that may come into force)

New Year Resolutions

The last two years haven't been the easiest for us at St Matthew's as we have coped with the pandemic and the vacancy. Unfortunately we still have to live with Covid, at least for the time being, but for the second half of 2021 we had a breath of fresh air with the arrival of Fr Sam and his family. As we start 2022, let us all pull together to instil new life and hope to our church.

Our first New Year resolution should be to try to help where we can with the finances of the church, and here I'm not asking you just to give more although that's good for those who are able. Last year I picked up on a campaign that some people use in their personal lives and which I think we can learn from:

Spend
Give
Save



Spend: Earn money for the church when you shop online by joining #easyfundraising.

You can also switch your home insurance to Ecclesiastical and get a £130 donation for the church

(please ask for details of both of these options).

Give: Set up a standing order with your bank - please email chrisgear192@btinternet.com or call him on 01923 245755 for details. If you have access to the internet you can also use the online giving app to make regular donations - see the online notices for details.

Save: Please close all the doors (including the Vestry) and turn off the lights when you leave the church or hall

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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<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7611/news/>