



 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Chester

St Matthew's, Stretton  
and  
St Cross, Appleton Thorn



Sunday 18th October 2020



## Worship

### Sundays

Booking in for Services

A reminder that it is essential that those planning to attend services in church contact a churchwarden beforehand. This is to ensure that we can make appropriate arrangements for everyone's safety. Please don't simply turn up and assume that there will be a seat for you!

Please contact:

Sandra at St Cross (265294)

Michele at St Matthew's (450881)

## Sunday Worship for 18 October 2020

9.30AM	Morning Worship at St Cross
10.45AM	Morning Worship at St Matthew's. This service will also be livestreamed.

## Calendar

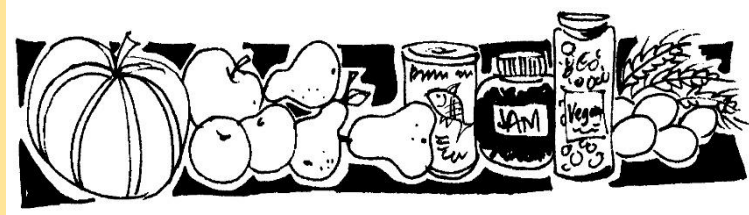
Wednesday	7.30AM	Reflection
Thursday	10.30AM	Holy Communion at St. Matthew's.
Friday	2.00PM	Praise and Play Singalong.

Please note that on Sunday 25 October, the 10.45AM service at St Matthew's will include a baptism. The baptism family has been allocated 15 seats, so it is essential that regular worshippers book their places.

### The Singing Kettle 22 October

As we are still not able to meet in the Church Hall, I propose to lead a singalong live on Facebook at 2.00PM on Thursday 22 October. I haven't thought of a theme yet. Any requests?

Warrington Foodbank is currently in need of:



*Graphic courtesy of Parish Pump.*

Tinned spaghetti, tinned carrots, tinned potatoes, instant mash potato, tinned meats, corned beef, meat and/or fish paste, dried pasta, tinned rice pudding, Angel Delight, ready-made custard, tinned fruit, jelly, sugar, cream crackers, soap and shower gel, disposable razors, shaving foam, shampoo, washing powder, washing up liquid, and cat food.

Also, on Wednesday, at 7.30PM, Linda continues to offer a Reflection on Facebook.

On **Thursday 14 October, at 10.30AM**, there will be a service of **Holy Communion at St Matthew's**.

## Annual Meetings

We are planning to hold our annual meetings (*Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parishioners*) as follows:

- At St Cross at 7.30PM on Wednesday 14 October
- At St Matthew's at 7.30PM on Thursday 15 October

If there is a change in regulations or guidance from the church, we have the option to hold our annual meetings using video conferencing (Zoom) but at the moment our plan is to hold them as physical meetings, subject to social distancing and hygiene regulations. Those who are on the church Electoral Roll are entitled to attend the *Annual Parochial Church Meeting*. (Those who are not on the ER but who live in the parish are entitled to attend only the *Annual Meeting of Parishioners*, at which Churchwardens are elected. This forms part of our Annual Meeting agenda.)

In order to make the meetings as safe as possible, the following conditions will apply:

- If you wish to attend, you must let me know and provide contact details to support 'test and trace'. Numbers will be limited by the COVID19-safe capacity of the building: once that number has been reached, no-one else will be able to attend the meeting. Contact details will be kept for 21 days.
- The meeting will need to carry out its business in the most efficient way possible, so that people are together for no longer than absolutely necessary. This means that we expect those who attend to have read any reports in advance as no time will be given to verbal reports in order to keep the amount of speaking to a minimum.

- The Annual Report and Financial Statements are available from the links below:
  - [St Matthew's Annual Report 2019](#)
  - [St Cross Annual Report 2019](#)
  - St Matthew's Financial Statements
  - St Cross Financial Statements
- Those attending the meeting will be required to wear an appropriate face covering (unless exempt), to use hand-sanitiser on entering the building and on leaving. You will need to follow guidance on seating and social distancing.
- If you wish to ask a question about an item on the agenda, you must submit this in advance in writing, so that we can prepare succinct answers. There will be no time for airing general matters beyond what is required by the meeting's agenda.

There will be elections for Churchwardens, and representatives of the laity to Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod. We also need to appoint a PCC Secretary. If you wish to stand for any of these roles, please contact me for the appropriate forms and documents. If you want further information about any of these roles, please speak to me or to a current office holder.

**If you wish to attend any service** (Sunday or midweek), you *must* inform a churchwarden:

**St Cross:** phone Sandra

**St Matthew's:** phone Michèle

You will be asked to give contact details (for 'test and trace' purposes. These will be kept for 21 days.). You are also required to wear a face-covering and to follow hygiene and social-distancing guidance. If you have any symptoms that might indicate infection, you must not attend. If you subsequently develop symptoms, you are to inform me.

## Reflections

At **7.30 PM on Wednesday** evening, **Reflections** continue on Facebook.

The live-streamed services are here:

[St Matthew's Facebook videos](#)



## The Children's Society House Box Collection Autumn 2020

Usually at this time I would be asking all Children's Society house box holders to be making arrangements for the box to be emptied and the monies banked by myself to the Children's Society. As we know too well however, 2020 has not really worked out routinely in so many ways.

This year I have been in communication with the Children's Society and to avoid unnecessary handling of cash, it is much preferred that any monetary donations be made by bank transfer or by cheque. Details of the CS account if you are able to donate online are:

**Bank: Barclays**

**Account Name: The Church of England Childrens Society (NO APOSTROPHE)**

**Sort Code: 20 37 75**

**Account No: 70030732**

**Reference: 788234BXC**

In order that the donations can be allocated against St Matthew's and St Cross churches, please can you let me know by email, text or phone call the **AMOUNT** you have transferred and **WHEN**.

Should you prefer to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY and either leave it in church in an envelope marked for my attention.

THANK YOU very much indeed for your support.

Gill Bruce



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