



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester



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

Sunday 15th May 2022

Worship



Sunday Worship

Coronavirus Update

There are no longer any legal restrictions in place, but we recognise that Covid-19 is still a risk, and we are continuing to take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all, and particularly those who are most vulnerable.

In both churches, we continue to recommend the wearing of face-coverings by those who are able to do so. Hand sanitiser is available in both churches, and we recommend that you use this on arrival and at intervals afterwards. The administration of holy communion is a little different between the two churches. Please ask for information if you want to know what we are doing. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of the ministry team, or a churchwarden and we will do our best to help and support you.

We will continue to livestream the 10.45AM service from St Matthew's on Zoom and Facebook. If you would like details of how to join us via Zoom or Facebook, please get in touch.

Alan Jewell

Calendar

Sunday 15 May / Easter 5	9.30AM 10.45AM	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook
Tuesday 17	10-12PM	Coffee Morning	St Cross
Wednesday 18	9-11AM	Coffee Morning	St Matthew's
Thursday 19	10.30AM	Holy Communion	St Matthew's
Friday 20	2PM	Praise & Play!	St Matthew's
Sunday 22 May / Easter 6	9.30AM 10.45AM	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook

Annual Meeting

Both parishes have their annual meetings in May. The meeting at St Matthew's will take place after the service on Sunday 22 May. The annual meetings are open to those who are resident in the parish and those whose names are on the church electoral roll. In order for your name to be included on the electoral roll, you must be either resident in the parish or have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months. If you would like to stand for as Churchwarden, or as a member of the Parochial Church Council, please let me know.

For your prayers

Weddings

Robert MURPHY and Sigourney RIDSDALE (banns being read at St Cross today; wedding at St Cross on 10 June 2022)
Richard JACKSON and Joanna HANCOCK (banns being read at St Cross today; wedding at St Michael's, Burtonwood on 9 July 2022)
Christopher HICKS and Leanne VEALE (banns being read at St Cross today; wedding at St Cross on 23 July 2022)
Alastair MITCHELL and Katie McCRAITH (banns being read at St Matthew's today; wedding at St Wilfrid, Grappenhall on 2 July)
Lee SHEPHERD and Sarah COOPER (banns being read at St Matthew's today; wedding at St Matthew's on 30 July 2022)

Funerals

(Baby) Eva Jasmine RUDD (funeral at St Matthew's on 23 May)



Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives. St Matthew's always supports Christian Aid, particularly in May, during Christian Aid Week. This year the focus is on drought affected areas of Zimbabwe, as well as displaced people from Ukraine. Last year we raised over £1500 despite pandemic restrictions. Thank you so much: let's do even better this year! Here's how you can help.

- Go house to house delivering envelopes and either
 - o go back and collect them. We haven't done this for a couple of years, but if you feel able to start again, that would be great. It's probably more effective.
 - o simply deliver envelopes that ask people to donate online or drop the envelope off at your house or somewhere else safe. You could deliver to more houses that way.
- Offer to have envelopes dropped through your door if the person delivering in your street doesn't live nearby. This would be really useful if you aren't able to deliver yourself.
- If you are fit, sign up to be sponsored to walk 300,000 steps in May – that's your 10,000 steps every day in aid of Christian Aid
- Sponsor me to sleep out (in my back garden!) in solidarity with those who have been displaced from their homes
- Take an envelope from church and make a donation.
- Hold your phone or tablet over this QR code



or go to

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/stretton> to be taken to St Matthew's own e-envelope for easy cashless giving

- Come to the combined Stockton Heath churches Christian Aid Week service at Arley Chapel on Sunday 15 May at 6.30pm
- Pray for families affected by war, climate change and natural disasters

If you can help with any of these, please contact me, Jenny Myall, on 07970118354 or jennycmyall@gmail.com Thank you so much



Christian Aid Service at Arley

There will be a Christian Aid service at Arley Chapel, Arley Hall on Sunday 15 May at 6.30. John Griffith is to be the speaker, and it's an opportunity to worship in these lovely surroundings. All are welcome and there will be Fair Trade refreshments afterwards

The Singing Kettle



We're back! After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, we are planning to re-launch our monthly get-together at the Church Hall at 2PM on Thursday 26 May. Please join us for a fun singalong and a chat over a cuppa.

Sudoku

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			7		1	9		
7	9		3	2	4		6	1
		4	5		8			
	1	3	6	4			9	
4	7					8		
							7	4



STRETTON'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

St. Matthew's School Playing Field
 Sunday 5th June 12 noon – 5pm



- Music
- Raffle
- Fund raisers
- Bring your own picnic
- Free entry

Smile Lines

Techie trouble

The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he muttered: "There's something wrong with the microphone." Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

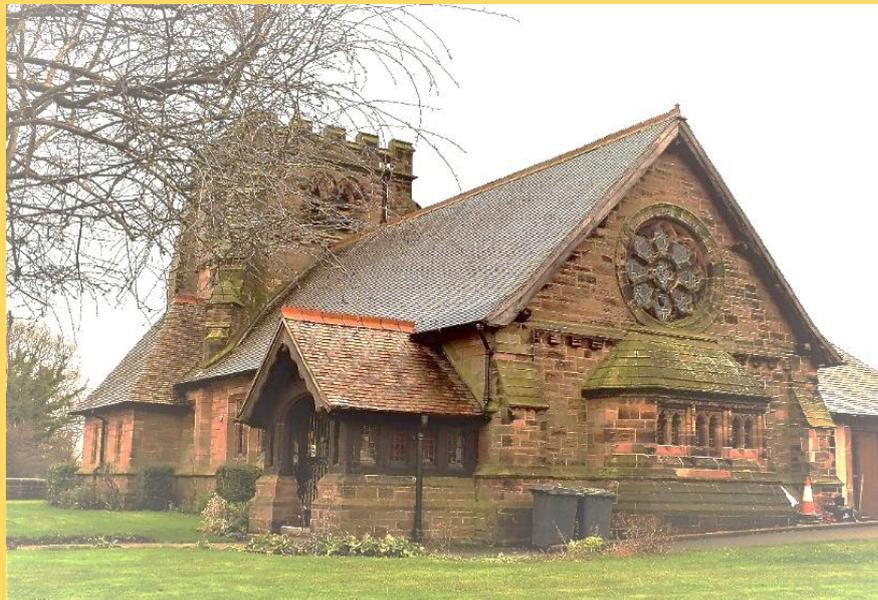
Sudoku Solution

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7	9	8	3	2	4	5	6	1
1	6	4	5	9	8	7	3	2
8	1	3	6	4	7	2	9	5
4	7	6	2	5	9	8	1	3
5	2	9	8	1	3	6	7	4

St Matthew's Stretton



St Cross Appleton Thorn



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