



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester



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

Sunday 16th January 2022

Worship



Courtesy of Alan Bruce

Sunday Worship COVID: Winter 'Plan B'

You will probably be aware that the government's Winter 'Plan B' now makes face coverings mandatory in places of worship. Hand sanitizer is available in both church buildings, and we are doing our best to maintain social distancing and ventilation. In services where holy communion is celebrated, both churches will continue to follow the practices we have developed. If you wish to know more, please get in touch.

Livestreamed Worship

Our Sunday morning services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook at 10.45AM.

If you would like to join us via Zoom, please let me know and I will email you the link.

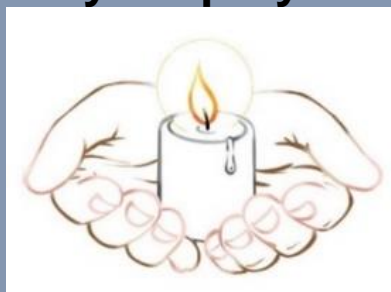
You can 'attend' the service via Zoom with your camera and microphone off, so that you can see and hear what is happening without being seen or heard! If you would like to contribute to a service by doing a reading or prayers, we would welcome that too and can provide help if you need it.

Alan

Calendar

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| Sunday 16 January | 9.30AM 10.45AM | Holy Communion Holy Communion | St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook |
| Tuesday 18 | 10-12PM | Coffee Morning | St Cross |
| Wednesday 19 | 9-11AM 7.30PM | Coffee Morning Reflection | St Matthew's Facebook |
| Thursday 20 | 10.30AM | Holy Communion | St Matthew's |
| Friday 21 | 2PM | Praise & Play! | St Matthew's |
| Sunday 23 January | 9.30AM 10.45AM | Holy Communion Holy Communion | St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook |

For your prayers



Funerals

We pray for the families and friends of
Philip HOLBOURN
Martin OLVER

Reflections



Linda's weekly Reflections continue on Facebook on Wednesday evenings at 7.30PM. You can join us live on the St Matthew's Facebook page or watch the video later.

The live-streamed services are here:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchstretton>

<https://www.facebook.com/StCrossAppletonThorn>



The next Quiz is at the Stretton Fox on Wednesday 2nd February. Teams of up to six people. We start at 9.00 pm and it costs £2.00 per person to enter. All proceeds are going to the St Matthew's church Big Welcome project - thanks to The Fox for their continuing support Great prizes.

Please don't forget to bring cash with you.

Thanks Linda

Sudoku

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Prayer

Earth and Seasons

Lord of the elements and changing seasons, keep me in the hollow of Your hand. When I am tossed to and fro with the winds of adversity and the blasts of sickness and misunderstanding, still my racing heart, quieten my troubled mind.

Bring me at last through the storms and tribulations of this mortal life into the calm evening of Your unchanging love; and grant that in the midst of my present perplexities and confusion I may experience Your peace, which passes human understanding.

Brother Ramon, member of the Anglican Society of St Francis



The
Children's
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E x t r a v a g a n z a !

Let's come together
to celebrate
Christingle

Our Christingle Extravaganza
will celebrate the festival of
Candlemas!

Come and join us Online In-person Both

Location:

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Date: 30 Jan. Time: 3 PM

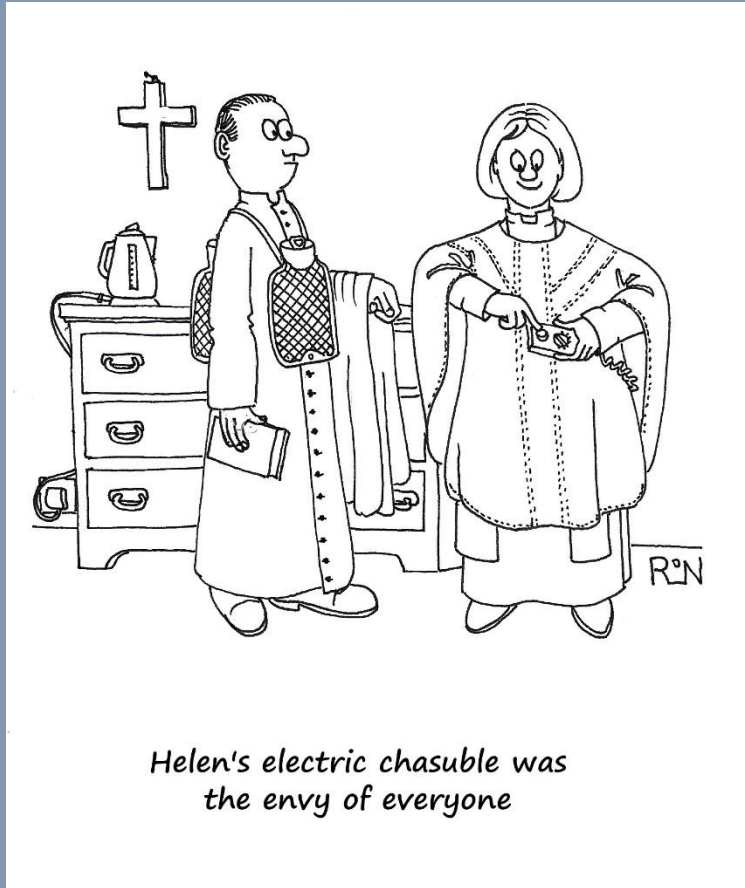
To find out more contact:

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*Helen's electric chasuble was
the envy of everyone*

Sudoku Solution

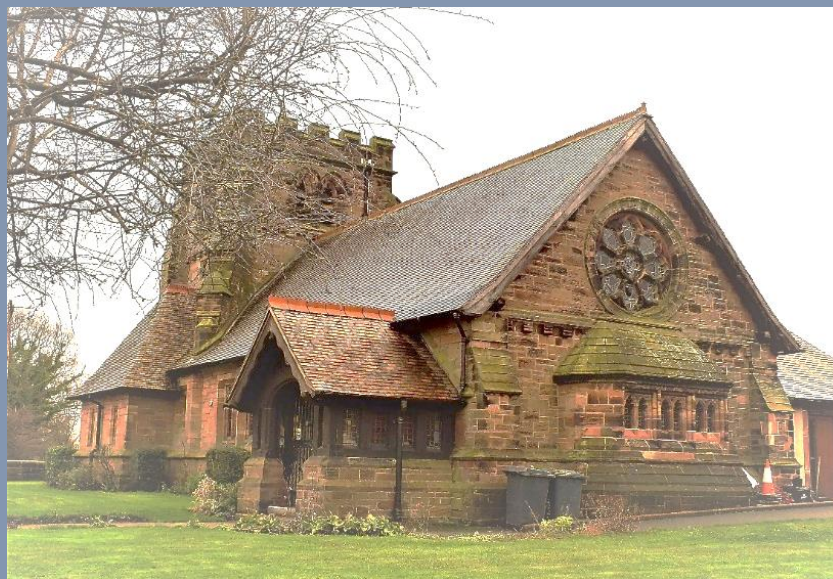
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St Matthew's Stretton



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St Cross Appleton Thorn



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