



 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Chester

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



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

## **Worship**



### **Sunday Worship COVID19 Update**

As you will be aware, most legal restrictions brought in to limit the spread of COVID19 have now been lifted. All of the advice from Government and the Church of England, however, is to proceed with care and caution. For our church services, it is no longer necessary to book a place in advance. We will, however, continue to record contact details for test and trace purposes. Good hygiene practices, including hand sanitising, wearing of face coverings, and maintaining distance from others, while no longer mandatory, remain strongly recommended. Congregational hymn singing is now allowed in services: we are asking people to remain seated for hymns and to sing with faces covered, at reduced volume, to limit the spread of aerosols. The administration of communion (wafer only) will continue in the same way as we have been doing it for some time.

## 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

## Reflections



At 7.30 PM next Wednesday, Linda continues her reflections on Facebook.

The live-streamed services are here:

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

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

## Calendar

August				
Sunday	1	9.30AM 10.45AM	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook
		6.30PM	BCP Evening Prayer	Facebook / Zoom
Wednesday	4	7.30PM	Reflection	Facebook
Thursday	5	10.30AM	Holy Communion	St Matthew's
Friday	6	2.00PM	Praise and Play	Facebook
August				
Sunday	8	9.30AM 10.45AM	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Cross St Matthew's / Facebook

## Holy Communion – at home



There are various reasons why people may not be able to attend a service of Holy Communion in church. If you would like me to bring communion to you at home, following the appropriate COVID19 guidance, I would be happy to do so. Please let me know and I will arrange a visit.

**For your prayers**



### **Baptisms**

Corey RABY, being baptised at St Matthew's today (1 August)

Isobel BULLOUGH, being baptised at St Matthew's next Sunday (8 August)

### **Weddings**

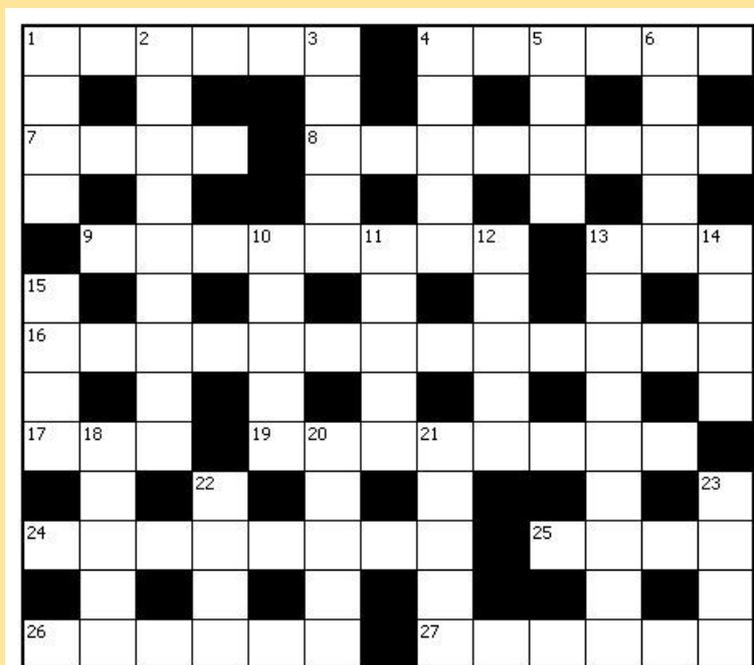
Bryanni-May CARTLEDGE and Dominic John LANE (married on 31 July at St Cross)

### **Funerals**

Brian William LEWIS (92). Funeral at St Matthew's, Monday 2 August

Ann Audrey BURGESS (87). Funeral at St Matthew's, Tuesday 3 August.

## Crossword



## Colour In



## Crossword Clues

### Across

- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting'  
(Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection  
(Acts 23:8) (8)
- 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away — because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19 Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 24 'The Lord is my —, I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

### Down

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5 Assistant (4)
- 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10 Credo (anag.) (5)
- 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status  
(Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy'  
(Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 15 Employs (4)
- 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life  
(5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

## Up The Spiral Staircase



The bellringers at St Matthew's Church, Stretton are looking for new recruits to join their band. We are a very friendly group and would welcome anyone who is interested in learning a new hobby. If you are interested, or know of any friend, neighbour, colleague who may be interested then please pass this message onto them. If you are already a bellringer then please come along and meet us. We meet for practice every Monday night from 8pm until 9pm. All instruction is free and friendly.

We are members of the wider community of ringers in Cheshire (and the whole of the UK) and take part in their competitions and social events. We ring for Sunday services, weddings, and other celebratory occasions.

We are holding an open day on Saturday 18th September from 2pm until 4pm. So please come along and see what we get up to. Entry is via the door at the back of the church next to the toilets and up the spiral stairs. If you want any further details or to give ringing a try please contact either David Booth [david\\_booth10@hotmail.com](mailto:david_booth10@hotmail.com) (264881), or Sue Martin [samarten@btinternet.com](mailto:samarten@btinternet.com) (07516609097).

## Painting at St Matthew's Church



During the morning of Saturday 31st July, we will be painting the external metal work at church (doors, railings etc.). If anyone can help for an hour or two, please contact me.

Stephen Edwards Tel. 211982

## Crossword Solution

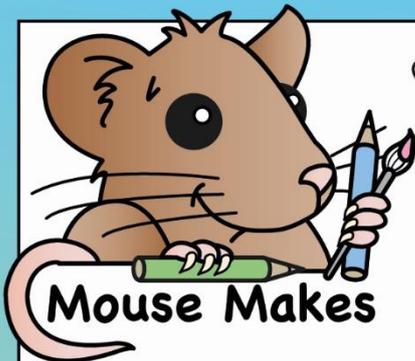
### ACROSS

1 Mosaic; 4 Scales; 7 Cana; 8 Claudius; 9 Sadducee; 13 SLM; 16 Self-confident; 17 Sad; 19 Radiuses; 24 Shepherd; 25 Bind; 26 Astern; 27 Arthur

### DOWN

1 Mock; 2 Sandalled; 3 CICCUC; 4 Share; 5 Aide; 6 Equal; 10 Décor; 11 Caned; 12 Elihu; 13 Sherebiah; 14 Moth; 15 Uses; 18 Ashes; 20 ASEAN; 21 India; 22 Apse; 23 Eder

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IN THE BEGINNING ...



What did God create in the beginning?

\_\_\_ V \_\_\_  
and \_\_\_ H



What was the first thing God said on the first day?

"Let there be \_\_\_ G \_\_\_"



What did God separate on the second day to create heaven?

\_\_\_ T \_\_\_

How many great lights did God create in the heavens?  
\_\_\_

What grew on the dry land?

\_\_\_ N \_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_ E \_\_\_

READ  
Genesis  
1:-31

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X H U M A N S O B I R D S  
F O O D Y H T R E E S  
C R E A T U R E S

What did God create to fly above the earth?  
\_\_\_ D \_\_\_

What did God make after all the creatures?  
\_\_\_ A \_\_\_

Find the answers to the questions in the word search then find all these words too:

- CREATION • ONE • DARK • DAY • NIGHT • EVENING • MORNING • SEA  
VEGETATION • LAND • SEEDS • FRUIT • THREE • SEASONS • YEARS • FOUR  
 SKY • FISH • FIVE • CREATURES \* CATTLE • ANIMALS • GROUND • HUMANS  
WOMAN • FRUITFUL • MULTIPLY • FOOD • SIX • GOD • SAW • GOOD

## St Cross Appleton Thorn



## St Matthew's Stretton



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