



 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Chester

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



Sunday 2nd May 2021

Worship



Sunday Worship

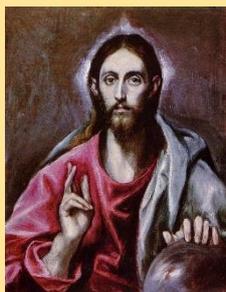
We will be continuing with the pattern we have used for the last few weeks, with 'in person' services at St Cross at 9.30AM and St Matthew's at 10.45AM. The 10.45AM service will also be livestreamed on Facebook for those who wish to participate online.

For streamed events, if you wish to join via Zoom (rather than Facebook), please let Alan know. He can send you a link which means you can join the service without having to sign into Facebook.

For services in church, you must let the churchwarden know, so that we can make the appropriate arrangements:

St Cross: Sandra 265294

St Matthew's: Michele 450881



Reflections

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

The live-streamed services are here:

St Matthew's Facebook videos

Online services are streamed on the church Facebook pages.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/StCrossAppletonThorn>. For all services in church, you must inform a churchwarden that you plan to attend and leave contact details for track and trace.

Details will be held for 21 days. Services at St Matthew's will normally be livestreamed as well, subject to technological and other considerations.

Details are presented in good faith, but subject to change.

Calendar

April				
Wednesday	28th	8.00PM	Reflection	Facebook
Thursday	29th	10.30AM	Holy Communion	St Matthew's
Friday	30th	2.00PM	Praise and Play	Facebook
May				
Sunday	2nd	9.30AM 10.45AM	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Cross St Matthew's and Facebook
Tuesday	4th	7.30PM	Netherlands Remembrance Prayers	St Cross Churchyard
Wednesday	5th	7.30PM 8.00PM	Reflection Quiz	Facebook
Thursday	6th	10.30AM	Holy Communion	St Matthew's
Friday	7th	2.00PM	Praise and Play	Facebook
Sunday	9th	9.30AM 10.45AM 4.00PM	Holy Communion Holy Communion Christian Aid Service	St Cross St Matthew's and Facebook St Thomas/ You Tube

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year begins with a service at St Thomas', Stockton Heath. Places must be booked via Eventbrite (<http://www.tinyurl.com/STSMMeventbrite>). The service will also be livestreamed on YouTube (www.tinyurl.com/STSMMyoutube)



Christian Aid Week is next month, from 10 - 16 May. The traditional house to house collection is a valuable way to engage the wider community in our Christian mission. We couldn't do it last year, and this year, as a way of putting our feet gently back in the water, we will be trialling delivery only envelopes. We desperately need volunteers to drop them off around the parish; householders can then donate online, or drop the envelope off at church or at the Co-op. If you can help with this, please contact Jenny Myall on 07970118354. It's definitely easier than knocking on doors!

Prayers



For your prayers

Funerals

James HUTCHINSON (72)

Mike COOPER (68)

Annual Meetings

The arrangements for our annual meetings, subject to the government's recovery roadmap, are:

St Cross

In church, 2pm on Sunday 16 May.

St Matthew's

In church, 7.30pm on Thursday 20 May.

In order to make both meetings as safe as they can be, I am asking that people read the reports ahead of the meeting to avoid the need for lengthy presentations. It would also help to have any questions submitted in writing, in advance, so that answers can be prepared and given efficiently.

The ‘annual meetings’ consist of

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

This may be attended by anyone who is on the church’s electoral roll or who is resident within the ecclesiastical parish and listed on the local government register of electors. This meeting elects the churchwardens for the coming year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This may be attended by anyone who is on the church’s electoral roll. To have your name on the church electoral roll, you must be aged 16 or over, a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England), and resident in the parish. Or, if not resident in the parish, you must have habitually attended worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

This meeting receives the PCC’s annual report and statement of finances, and elects lay representatives to the PCC. If you wish to stand for office or find out more, please get in touch.

Smile Lines



What did I do with the car?

As I left a meeting at our church, I could not find my car keys. They were not in my pockets. They were not in the church. Then I thought – I’ve left them in the car! As I burst through the doors of the church, my heart sank: the church car park was empty.

With a heavy heart I called the police, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the really difficult call, and told my wife that the car had been stolen. There was a little gasp. “You did not have the car. I dropped you off. Remember?”

My heart sang as relief flooded through me. “Of course! Thank God! Well, come get me quick – I am already running late... what is keeping you?”

My wife replied with ominous calm: “What’s keeping me? I’ll tell you what’s keeping me. The police are here. They think I’ve stolen the car...”

St Cross Appleton Thorn



St Matthew's Stretton



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Parish Office Hours 9.15am – 3.15 Wednesdays

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