

## Notices (continued):

St Matthews is continuing the tradition of **filling and gift wrapping shoe boxes for the destitute asylum seekers project at St Brides Church:**

Suggested content e.g. socks, toiletries, chocolates, pens, stationery, dried fruit, gloves, small gifts and Christmas cards.

Please gift wrap but do not seal and indicate if it is for a man or a woman. Join with a friend or leave donations of items at the back of Church.

Please return to Church by **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Many thanks from Heather and Rita.

### **Dates for your diary:**



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 11am –

**The Burial of Ashes of Joan Baldwin** will be at St Matthews after the Midweek Eucharist

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at **3pm**

– **Christingle Service**

*(please note the new earlier time)*

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm

– **Carol Service**

### **Christmas Services:**

#### **Christmas Eve:**

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Parish Eucharist**

3pm **Carols round the Crib**

8:30pm **Midnight at Bethlehem**

#### **Christmas Day:**

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Parish Eucharist**

## *Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017*



### *Remembrance Sunday*

### Today's Hymns:

366	O God our help
518	Thy hand O God, has guided
114	Eternal Father strong
53	Be still for the presence of the Lord
188	Guide me

### This week's services and events:

#### ***Today:***

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

#### ***Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November:***

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at All Saints

#### ***Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November:***

10am Midweek Eucharist

#### ***Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:***

9am Morning Prayers

#### ***Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November:***

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

#### ***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November:***

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent***

8am Holy Communion

10am Worship @ 10

6:30pm Evening Eucharist

### For prayer:

- David and Amy Roche working with CMS in the Lebanon
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran

## **Today's Collect:**

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God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Today's Readings:**

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### **1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### **Matthew 25: 1-13**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the

wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## **Post Communion prayer:**

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O God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion upon the anguish of the  
world and, by thy healing power,  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **Next Sunday's Reading:**

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Matthew 25: 14-30

## **Notices:**

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**Coffee morning rota:** there is a new rota at the back of church. If you are able to help by baking, washing up or serving, please do sign up.

**Greater Manchester Night Shelter:** The scheme which supports rough sleepers across Manchester is starting up soon. If you would like to help in any way, more details can be found on the Manchester Diocesan website. Please consider supporting this vital programme, by making a donation or helping out.