



**Services 6 March: 1 before Lent**

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	All-age service plus baptisms: theme – creation.
12 noon	shortened BCP Communion
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise + communion

**Theme – Transfiguration:** Matthew 17:1-9

***A very special welcome to Lewis and Flint, baptised this morning, and to all their families and friends!***

## *This Week:-*

Mon 7	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 8	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	7.00	Reordering project steering group	Church
	8.00	All-age service planning team	Centre
Wed 9		ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	12.00	Lent Lunch (service starts 1.10)	St Paul's
Thu 10	7.30	communion + imposition of ashes	Church
	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	7.30	confirmation course #6	Rectory
Fri 11	8.30	Blue Coat Comp service	Church
Sat 12	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	11.00	More Tea Vicar (surgery hour)	Church

## *Notices*

**Lent Course starts soon!** This year we using a course called *Prepared for Purpose – Empowered by the Spirit* for Lent.

- The course will run in our usual home groups: Group Leaders please pick up your copy of the course booklet from the pigeonholes today.
- If you are not a group leader but would like your own copy you should be able to order one from *the Hub* at St Paul's.
- If you are not in a group and would like to join one for the duration of Lent, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

### **Getting ready for St Matthew's Annual General Meeting**

- The AGM will take place on Sunday 10 April – just 5 Sundays away. We are going to do things in a new way. We will have just one service on that day, at 10am, and present the AGM within the context of our worship and seeking God together. I will make sure that all the business is conducted swiftly and efficiently!
- We need to elect new wardens and church council members. Would you like to stand for one of these important posts? Please sign up in the nominations book.
- You will not be able to vote unless you are on St Matthew's electoral roll. Please sign up today!

**Coming soon** – St Matthew's summer holiday club 1-5 August for ch aged 5-11. Please save the dates! More details to follow soon.

**Christian Aid** is holding an open afternoon at St Paul's on Monday 7th March -commencing 2.00pm to meet people who are interested in their work. On the same evening, there is a meeting at St Luke's at 6.30pm to meet partners from overseas. Refreshments and food provided. All welcome. Further information from Martin Barker.

**On a personal note...** *My thanks to Colin, Liz, Helen and friends from St Matthew's for prayers, cards, flowers, visits and good wishes following my recent operation, all very much appreciated. All has gone well, and although I am using crutches I am walking so much better than I have for a long time, and getting better each day – Meg Caine.*

**Easter Flowers** Our faithful flower ladies would like to get St Matthew's looking stunning for Easter and they need your money! Please donate via Helen Robinson or the flower box at the back of Church.

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like St Matthew's to mobilise prayer support for an urgent personal request, call our prayer chain co-ordinator Colin Townsend on 07866 381845 or e-mail [prayerchain@live.co.uk](mailto:prayerchain@live.co.uk). We are very keen to recruit more people– call Colin Townsend or Liz Chamberlain.

**Just for Men** *Men and Motives* is a Conference on Saturday 26 March at St Martin's hosted by the director of evangelism at Christian Vision for Men and by our own George Fisher. Seminars on Gearing church for men; Sexual temptation; Hollywood's challenge to the church, and Winning men. Tickets £10 from the Lichfield Mission Office Tel: 01922 707863 or email: [richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org) The cost includes a hearty men's lunch! Martin Barker is getting together a list of men who want to go – call him on 634413.

**Mission Giving** The PCC has resolved to support the Mission Aviation Fellowship in place of last year's special mission, the Barnabas Fund. Look out for more information about MAF's exciting work in due course. Our commitment to our other three mission groups, Paul and Lesley Evans, CMS and Christ for All continues unchanged.

## ***Church Diary:-***

Thu 17 March 7.15	(for 7.30) PCC	Centre
Sat 19 March 2.00	wedding – Victoria and Daniel	Church
Wed 23 March 7.00	More Tea Vicar?	Centre
Sat 26 March 10.00	Men's Conference	St Martin's
6.30	Street Pastors Commissioning	Church
Wed 30 March 7.30	Gifts Evening #1 (date change)	Centre
Sat 2 April 4.00	Messy Church	Centre

## Services 13 March: *Lent 1*

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	Communion + Children's Church
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
3.45pm	BCP Evensong
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

**Theme – Temptation:** Matthew 4:1-11

## *For Your Prayers...*

**Give thanks** For Flint and for Lewis, baptised today, and for all their family and friends.

**Making Christ Known:** Please pray that we may all grow in Christ through our Lent Course *Prepared for Purpose – Empowered by the Spirit* and through the Lent Lunch series on Christian Heroes at St Paul's. Keep praying for the people on our confirmation course and for the forthcoming Gifts Course.

**The World:** Pray for Christians in Pakistan after the assassination of the only Christian minister in the Pakistani government by fanatics. Pray for God's hand to be seen in the profound changes sweeping through the Arab world.

**For Healing:** Kenneth Lyon, Olive Tilt, Keith Masters, Elsie Watton, David Boss, Patricia Smyth, Louise Partridge, Wendy Ross, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson.

**Rest in Peace:** all named in our Memorial Book, those killed in Afghanistan.

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