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Keep Me Burning

Services 6 November: 3 before Advent

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	All-age Worship: <i>theme – introducing communion</i>
12 noon	shortened BCP communion
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

Theme – *Keep me burning*, Matthew 25:1-13

Youth Church! Next Sunday St Matthew's Youth worker Lee is starting Youth Church during the 10am service. It's for young people aged 11-15. If you are in that age group, please come along – you'll have a great time!

7 -12 November

Mon 7	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 8	8.45	morning prayer	Church
	10.00	All-age service planning	Centre
	7.30	wardens meeting	Rectory
Wed 9	9.30	toddler group	Centre
	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	11.00	Pastoral Care Group	Centre
	6.00	Brownies	Centre
Thu 10	7.30	Guides	Centre
	8.45	morning prayer	Church
	7.30	Alpha session #6	Centre
Fri 11	8.45	Blue Coat Comp service	Church
Sat 12	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	10.00	Open morning	Church
	10.00	Alpha – Holy Spirit Day	Walsall Wd
	4.00	Messy Praise	Church

Notices

The Light Party Holiday Club was brilliant! Over 40 children came along on Friday 28th and had a fantastic time learning about Jesus the Light of the World. Very many thanks to Liz Burley and all the helpers!

Next Pastoral Care Group will take place on Wednesday November 9th at 11am in the Centre. If you would like to help in St Matthew's caring ministry please contact Joyce Mellors or the Office.

Security Unfortunately a man called Garry Adams got into St Matthew's Centre, threatened and intimidated people and caused considerable disruption to our Asian congregation and others using the building. The Rector, Wardens and Centre Manager have decided that Garry should not be admitted to the Church or Centre in future. If you are concerned or suspicious about anything, please notify the clergy or wardens immediately and if necessary call the police. We regret having to take this step but Garry has been known to the police and the clergy for many years and we believe we have no alternative.

Thank you! to Tom Parker and Ray Chamberlain for changing light fittings and high level cleaning up scaffolding tower.

The Hub have relocated from St Paul's to Stafford Street, the old White Mountain Ski Shop.

Shoebox appeal. Once more we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse appeal to give presents in a shoebox to children who would otherwise not get anything at all for Christmas. Look out for more information and start saving your shoeboxes now! Deadline Next Sunday!

Messy Church needs you! For our next Messy Church on 4 December we need junk modelling materials - boxes large and small, plastic bottles, yoghurt pots, egg cartons etc. No metal or glass please. There will be a storage box in church to receive your contributions on Sundays. We also need donations of small cakes and mince pies for our Messy meal. You can bring them to the centre from 2pm on 4th December or speak to Liz Burley to arrange collection. Thank you!

- Please note Saturday's **Messy Praise** is in Church, not the Centre!

The Great Pre-Christmas Cleanup! Do you want to see St Matthew's all clean and sparkly for Christmas? Please come to the clean up on Saturday 26th starting at 9.30am - free bacon butties! Sign up at back.

Food, Toys, Clothing: A needy family with five children is **still** without any support in spite of protracted efforts. Please don't stop giving food, clothes and toys to a needy family in the box in the porch marked OLU.

The Rock Book Stall offers value Christian books & gifts from only £1! Used & new Discounted Books – Gifts – Children's Books – Bibles — Cards. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday in the month 10am-12.

QUIZ 19 November: There will be another quiz to test your general knowledge at St Matthew's Centre on Saturday November 19th. Come along at 7.15 for a prompt 7.30 start. Teams of up to six, £1 per person. There will be light refreshments, or bring your own drinks if you like. There are no advance ticket sales but please let John and Enid Pryce-Jones know (01922 723719) if you are definitely coming along.

Coffee Morning 19 November 10am-12 in St Matthew's Centre. Hosted by St Matthew's Craft Group, there will be cakes, gifts and crafts on sale to start off your Christmas. Admission £1 includes tea/coffee and biscuit.

Forthcoming events:

Monday 14 Nov	Blue Coat Festival week starts	Church
Wednesday 16 Nov	More Tea Vicar	Centre
Saturday 19 Nov	Craft Group Coffee Morning	Centre
	Quiz Night	Centre
Sunday 20 Nov	Blue Coat Sunday	Church
Tuesday 22 Nov	PCC meeting	Centre
Saturday 26 Nov	The Great pre-Christmas Clean up!	Church

Services 13 November: *Remembrance*

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.15am	Communion + Children's Church and Youth Church
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
3.45pm	BCP Evensong
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

Theme – *There is no Greater Love, John 15:9-17*

For Your Prayers...

Give thanks for a brilliant Light Party Holiday Club, a great atmosphere, motivated helpers and leaders and lots of kids!

Making Christ Known: Pray for the first ***Messy Praise*** next Saturday, that people would come and take part freely: for the Alpha Holy Spirit Day due soon.

The World: Today is the international day of prayer for the persecuted church. We have been asked to pray especially for Christian children who have lost one or both parents to imprisonment or execution.

For Healing: baby Ellie Chapman, Pauline Shepherd, Brian White, Pauline Bayley, William Bates, Patricia Smyth, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson.

Rest in Peace: Bishop Clive's father who has just died. All named in our memorial book, all those who have lost their lives in Afghanistan.

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