



## **Year of Discipleship 2012**

### **Services 8 January: *Epiphany 1***

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

**Theme – *Discipleship 1: L-plates***

## *This Week*

Mon 9	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 10	8.45	morning prayer	Church
	8.00	messy church planning session	Centre
Wed 11	9.30	toddler group	Centre
	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	6.00	Brownies	Centre
	7.30	Guides	Centre
Thu 12	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Fri 13	8.40	Blue Coat Comp service	Church
Sat 14	9.00	music practice	Church
	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	7.00	New Year Party	Centre

## *Notices*

**Thank You!** Thousands of people came through St Matthew's doors for various Christmas events and had a wonderful time with us. There's been a great atmosphere of festivity and godly wonder. That is down to extremely hard work and long hours put in by our staff and volunteers. Well done everybody! Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

- Thank you also to everyone who sent cards and gifts to the Gibsons and the Chamberlains. Sorry there isn't time to write and thank everyone individually. To judge by your gifts most of you think we are far too slender and far too sober!

**New Year Message** as there isn't space for it in Smatterings please go to Colin's blog if you want to read the Rector's New Year Message. To get to the blog, go to our website, click on *people* in the bar near the top, click on *Colin Gibson*, and at the bottom of the text click on the little link that says *Colin's blog*. A paper copy will appear soon for those with no internet access

**St Matthew's New Year Party Saturday 14 January, 7.00pm.** This is going to be great fun! If you are planning to come, please sign the list to say what food you can bring. Today is your last chance to sign up – don't miss out!

**Bishop Clive's visit:** St Matthew's Asian congregation warmly invites anyone who would like to join them for the Bishop of Wolverhampton's visit to attend their service on Sunday 22 Jan at 3.00pm. Come along and meet Bishop Clive!

**Gifts Course 25 January and 1 February** This two-session course is intended to enable you to discover the gifts God has given you. It will help you develop a sense of the ministry He is calling you which will lead to a greater sense of personal affirmation and fulfilment in His service. It will also help you stop doing things that aren't really you and are just wearing you out.

- Think what a tremendous blessing it will be for St Matthew's to get everyone using their gifts to bless others and no-one overburdened with tasks they are not really suited for.
- The course will be particularly helpful to new Christians who are still finding their feet and to longer term Christians who may have got into a bit of a rut!
- Please think seriously about coming and let Colin know urgently.

**Open Church on Saturday Mornings is discontinued** in January while the winter weather is at its worst. We aim to resume in February.

**Lent Course – Moving On.** We will be doing Lent differently this year. All the groups will meet together on Wednesday nights in Lent for the *Moving On* multi-media discipleship course. We will break up into our groups for discussion, prayer and fellowship. This will be a great course – please book Wednesday nights in Lent into your diary now!

**Weekend Away 19-21 October** We are going back to Cloverley Hall where we have had several very successful weekends away in recent years. It's a great opportunity to grow in love for one another. More details to follow soon, meanwhile please book the dates in your diaries.

**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.

<i>Forthcoming events:</i>		
Thursday 19 Jan	7.15 for 7.30 PCC meeting	Centre
Saturday 21 Jan	4.00 Messy Christingle	Church
Sunday 22 Jan	3.00 Bishop Clive at Asian cong.	Centre
Wednesday 25 Jan	7.30 Gifts Course session 1	t.b.a.
Saturday 28 Jan	11.00 More Tea Vicar	Church
	7.30 Walsall Choral Society concert	Church
Wednesday 1 Feb	11.00 Pastoral Care Group	Centre
	7.30 Gifts Course session 2	t.b.a.
Thursday 2 Feb	7.30 Home Group Leaders	Rectory
Saturday 4 Feb	4.00 Messy Church	Centre

## Services 15 January: *Epiphany 2*

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	Communion + Children's Church + Youth Church
12 noon	shortened BCP communion
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

Theme – *Discipleship 2: Lifestyle*

## ***For Your Prayers...***

**Give thanks** for the thousands of people who shared Christmas with us at our various events and for the great atmosphere of both fun and awe.

**Making Christ Known:** 2012 is our year of discipleship. Pray that we may all see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly through the coming year.

**The World:** There have been very sad headlines about youth unemployment in the news lately. Please pray for all seeking work in difficult conditions.

**For Healing:** Marian Masters, Doreen Mackintosh, Jackie Lambert, Pauline Bayley, William Bates, Patricia Smyth, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson.

**Rest in Peace:** Ida Maud Cook, Alan Lake, Evelyn Scrimshaw, Iris Brown, Jean Davies' son-in-law Barry Broadhurst, all named in our memorial book.

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