

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH CHURCH REDHILL
NEWSLETTER FOR SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2021



A CHANGED FORMAT IN CHANGING TIMES

Anne writes....

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks, we here at Currie Towers have been subject to an alien invasion! Most mornings on going outside there have been visitors on the lawn, they sit silently, watching, and after a few days they disappear completely, leaving just a blackened mark on the ground!

Visitors from Mars! I hear you cry or is the prelude to a close encounter of the third kind! (Great film that).

Sadly not... but they are a bit like an alien species. It's that time of year when toadstools and mushrooms, push up their fruiting bodies from underground and disperse their dust-like spores to be carried away by the slightest breeze.

You don't notice this happening so much in the garden, but when I worked on Box Hill there were certain logs in the woods that sprouted hundreds of little fungi and when they all dispersed together, the whole area was coated with the brown dust!



Fascinating things, they are neither flora or fauna, they have their own kingdom and for the most part live their lives silently underground doing their own thing. And we are only just beginning to understand



the complex relationship between trees and fungi.... A wood-wide-web for exchanging information and nutrients.

This Sunday we celebrate the festival of Christ the King when we think about Christ at the centre of God's kingdom.

It's possible to imagine that all God's people are linked together by a web of prayer that acts like the woodland web of fungi. We send messages in prayer and receive grace from God. Only it's not restricted to one area of woodland... or to the lifetime of trees or fungi. It reaches out into the world and around and back again. God's kingdom, as it was, as it is, and as it will be for generations to come.

THIS WEEK AT ST MATTHEW'S

Today 21st November Sunday Next Before Advent

8am Holy Communion Service

10am Parish Communion Service

Readings for Sunday 21st November

Revelation 1: 4b-8 and John 18: 33-37

Readings for 28th November

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 and Luke 21: 25-36

MORNING PRAYER EACH DAY AT 8.30AM

MONDAY 22nd November 9.45am Toddler Group in the Parish Room

Anyone interested in attending is asked to email:

toddlers@stmatthews-redhill.org.uk,

As we are limiting those attending due to the small rooms.

10am Craft Group in the Vestry

WEDNESDAY 24th November 10am Holy Communion in Church - followed by coffee

THURSDAY 25th November 1.10pm Lunchtime Music

7pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 26th November 6pm Youth Group in the Parish Room

FOODBANK OPEN – MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY 12NOON – 2PM

On line services continue to be available each Sunday from 8am. There is both a Parish Communion Service and a Small Steps reflection for our younger members.

After the 10am service today we will be having a small sale where you can buy a selection of items in support of Welcare, St Matthew's and the Mothers' Union. Contactless payment will be accepted.

NEXT SUNDAY - 28TH NOVEMBER ADVENT SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion Service

10am Parish Communion Service

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 28 November 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 5 December 4pm Christingle Service - please see the link below of how to book:

The URL for the form is bit.ly/MCDec2021

The QR code for the form is also below:



CAROL SINGING AT THE GARIBALDI PUB

At 6.30pm we shall be carol singing at the Garibaldi pub - a sign up sheet will be appearing in church soon

BELFRY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 12 December 6.30pm Belfry Carol Service

CAROL SINGING IN THE RIVERS AND FLOWERS ESTATE

Tuesday 14 December 6pm Meet at church for Carol singing in the Rivers and Flowers estate - again look out for the sign up sheet in church.

Christmas Bake Sale raising money for St Matthews Foodbank

- Clare, Karl, Florence and Eleanor Mittelstadt will be hosting a bake sale outside their home on Saturday 11th December 2pm – 5pm
- A selection of home baked cakes and sweet treats along with mulled wine and a competition with prizes.
- All proceeds will go to St Matthews Foodbank
- 13 Woodfield Close, Redhill, RH1 2DL

PASTORAL CARE AND PASTORAL SUPPORT - if you need any help at all please do contact any member of the Staff Team - we are always ready to do what we can to help.

DONATE TO THE LIFE OF ST. MATTHEW'S

If you would like to donate to the work and mission of St Matthew's you can donate online using [this link](#).

Our on line service is available from 8am each Sunday via the usual channels but we shall be changing the form and would welcome feedback.

If you don't have access to online resources, the church has set up this free phone resource. You will need to listen to the whole of the introduction before making your choice of what to listen to.

