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Services at St Matthew's

Sunday Morning Services

1st 3rd 4th and 5th Sundays

8.30 am Eucharist (Said)

**10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Choir and Children's Groups
followed by tea and coffee in the foyer**

2nd Sunday

8.30 am Eucharist (Said)

10.00am All Age Service

Morning Prayer

Monday and Wednesday at 9.00 am in the Lady Chapel

Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday at 9.00 am

Meeting ID: 970 706 9858

Pass Code: stmatts

Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion (Said)

Private Prayer

The church will be open for Private Prayer

Every Tuesday 9.00 am to 12 noon

Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage

By arrangement with the Vicar

***St Matthew's Vision
Sharing the Love of God***

The Vicar Writes



During the months of April and May we are celebrating the extraordinary events of Holy Week and Easter, as well as Ascension Day, which falls on Thursday 26th May. Jesus came

from the glory of heaven, as the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth, to bring fallen humanity up from the dust of death and raise us to fullness of life. His story becomes our story when we place ourselves in his hands through faith. We journey with him as he empties himself of his heavenly splendour and becomes a man, obedient to the point of death. We freely choose the way of the cross by saying no to our earthly desires and passions, resisting temptation, and when we fall into sin, seeking his forgiveness and restoration. Our lives are lived both in the shadow of the cross, and in the light of the knowledge that we are raised with Christ to eternal life. Just as Christ ascended into heaven having accomplished all that the Father sent him here to achieve, so we will one day also ascend to be with the Lord and to share his glory.

Until that day comes, we live in the midst of darkness and sin, and the mess that we create for ourselves, and that others create. The message that Jesus brings is that God our Father is present in the mess. He is there when people are bound and killed, and left on a Ukrainian street. He is with those who grieve as well as those who cause grief, and he loves both, equally and perfectly. As fallen people living in a fallen world, our task is a simple yet impossible one: to love in the same way we are loved; to love as he loves us. To empty ourselves of the selfishness that results in sin and death, and allow the light and life and love of God to fill us, producing the glorious fruit of the Spirit.

This task is beautiful in its simplicity - indeed only those who become like little children will have any hope of success! But it is also impossible. The kind of life we are asked to lead and the kind of love we are asked to show is completely beyond us. But it is not beyond him. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, God's love is poured out into us and out of us into the world. As we rejoice in being people in whom God becomes Incarnate; people who willingly walk the way of the Cross; people of the empty tomb, who are raised to glory with Christ, so we are being drawn deeper into the

heart of Jesus. His heart is broken under the weight of our sin and the sins of the world. But that is the greatest sign of hope that love will win in the end. That pain and suffering and death will one day be swallowed up by glorious and eternal life. Ironically, it is the Cross, that great symbol of death, that is also the sign that points to eternity, as its dark shadow and its glorious light, spread across this wounded world.

Ultimately, we are an Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song! As I write this, the pink blossom on the cherry tree outside my window is just appearing. It will not last long, but it is a wonderful reminder of the signs of new life and hope at the end of a dark winter. May God help us to see signs of new life and hope even in the darkest places in our world today.

May you have a truly blessed and joyful Easter.

With my love and prayers.

Simon



Wellbeing Café

On Saturday 7th May from 10.30 to 12noon we are launching the Wellbeing Café at St Matthew's. This will be held in the hall and the Lady Chapel and will run alongside our usual Coffee Mornings. The aim of the Wellbeing Café is to provide a safe space for anyone who is struggling with mental health issues, where it is OK not to be OK. There will be an opportunity to share a craft, hobby or interest, or just to be quiet. All are welcome.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 15th May

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be on Sunday 15th May, after the 10.00am service, starting around 11.30am. Please do try and come to this important annual meeting where churchwardens are elected and reports received.

Christian Aid Week



15th - 21st May

This year, Christian Aid Week runs from 15th to 21st May. This year's focus is on Zimbabwe. Please put these dates in your diaries and do give generously when the time comes!

Stewardship Sunday 22nd May

Every year we invite those who support the church financially to review their giving and consider whether they can increase the amount they give, in the context of how we use all we are given in the service of the Lord. This year's Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday 22nd May, when there will be a presentation on our finances at the 10.00am service. Thank you for your generous giving.

Ascension Day Thursday 26th May

If you read my letter you will already know that Ascension Day is on Thursday 26th May! There will be a special Eucharist to mark this feast day at 8.00pm that evening. Do come!



**Let's have a party
to celebrate the Queen's Platinum**

We at St Matthew's would like invite to a
"street" type party in the car park of the
church on

Sunday 5th June from 12.00 until 17.00

so we can celebrate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The idea is to bring food & drinks to
share, games for all ages, a band will be
playing and to meet and have a chat with
all our neighbours.

We would love it if you would like to get
involved.

If you want to ask questions, join in,
have ideas, or help get it organised, please come to have
a chat with your neighbours on

Sunday 24 April at 12.00

At St Matthew's Church

Or phone Penny on 020 8681 3147
or just knock on the door of the church in the mornings.

Easter at St Matthew's

Palm Sunday 10th April	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist
Monday 11th April	8pm	The Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 12th April	8pm	Eucharist with Reflection
Wednesday 13th April	8pm	Taizé Service
Maundy Thursday 14th April	8pm	Eucharist with Foot Washing
Good Friday 15th April	12 to 1pm	Church Open for Quiet Reflection
	1 to 2pm	Meditation
	2 to 3pm	The Last Hour
Easter Day 17th April	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	10am	Sung Eucharist

For updates visit www.stmatthew.org.uk

St Matthew's Music Festival

**23rd -
30th April
2022**

**23rd April
7.30pm**

Caroline Jaya-Ratnam -
international pianist and
elite singer
Stephen Bryant - Leader of the
BBC Symphony orchestra
Mark Sheridan - cellist in the
BBC Symphony orchestra

£15.00

**24th April
7.30pm**

Michael Strange & String Quartet
- Director of Music at St
Matthew's

£10.00

**26th April
7.30pm**

Croydon Philharmonic Choir -
the largest and longest
established choir in Croydon

£12.00

**27th April
1.00pm**

Stephen Davies - Organist for
services and for recitals all
around the world

£10.00

**28th April
7.30pm**

Duet Ensemble - Stephanie
Legg, Michiko Gibbs,
Erin Sawicka and
Phoebe Tak Man Chow.

£10.00

**30th April
7.30pm**

Phoebe Tak Man Chow - Director
of Music at All Saints' Church
Orpington and the Organ Scholar
at St-Martin-in-the-Fields.

£10.00

Reduced price of £50 to attend all performances!



For tickets & info please visit www.stmatthew.org.uk

Reflection- Exchanged Lives

“I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25)

The death of Jesus is for the believer everything we need for the forgiveness of our sins. In a sense, we and all our sin died with Jesus on the cross. His death is the penalty of our rebellion and the price of our pardon. The wrath of God is satisfied on the Cross, and we are free from that awful, awful burden. But the story of the Christian life does not end with forgiveness. If we and all our sin died with Jesus on the cross, who then lives? We cannot say on the one hand that we died with Him and on the other hand that we are still alive in our natural selves. We must choose our old life or its death. And if we choose its death, then how do we live on?

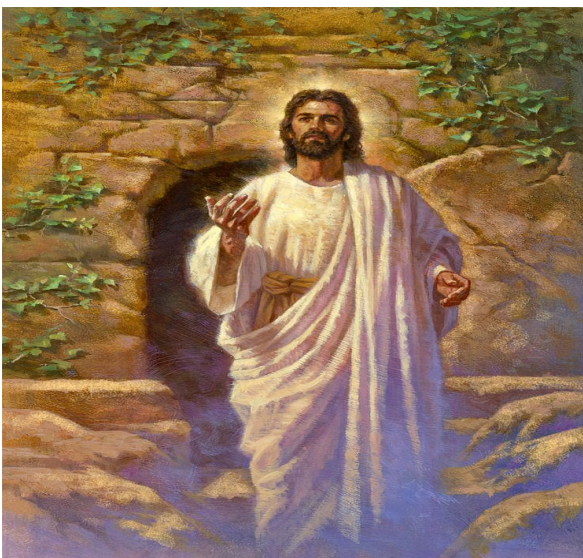
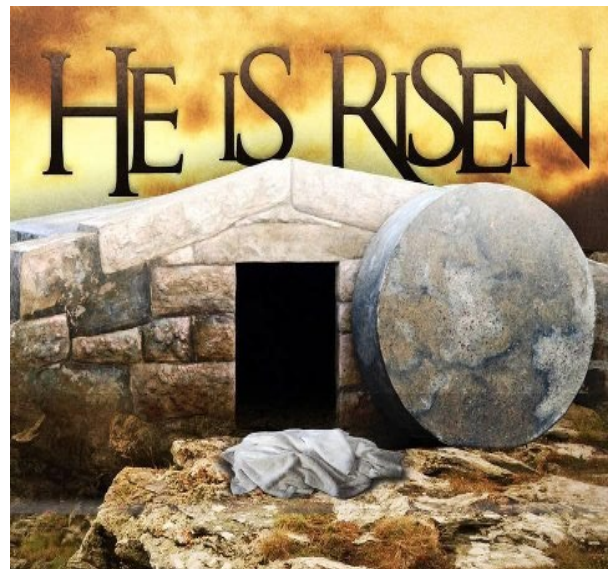
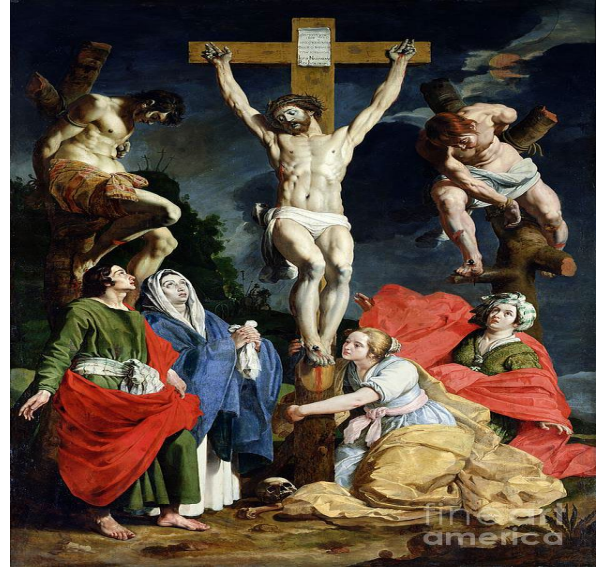
Paul gives us the glorious answer: “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). The life that we live by faith is an exchanged life - everything that we were went with Jesus on the cross; everything that He is was raised from the tomb and is given to us. We gave up everything in our old nature, in all our lostness, to have that substitute on the cross. In return we gained the life of the everlasting Son of the living God, with all the privileges and power. What an exchange!

The sad truth about this exchange- and it is the only sad truth about it- is that we are forgetful creatures. Having accepted the Cross and our payment for sin, we forget to live in the Resurrection that follows. Yes, Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. He offers to fill us with His glorified self. The substitution of the Cross is not just in death, but in resurrection. We may now live in the power that raised Him. But only if we live by faith. **Are you living that life? Or better yet, is He living that life in you? Believe it. Believe in the Resurrection and the Life. And be reminded daily:” I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”**

(‘One year at His feet’ devotional by Chris Tiegreen- with permission)



The Easter Story through art



Honthorst, Rubens, Van Nuyssen, Corbet & Burnand

The Persecuted Church- for our prayers

Help Ukrainian Christians in their hour of need



Ukraine is in a crisis which is changing hour by hour. As I type this, news of a massacre at Bucha (and probably many other locations) is emerging and the conflict will undoubtedly deteriorate further. Only God know what the situation will be as you peruse these lines. But we praise Him that He has given us channels enabling us to send help to our Christian brothers and sisters

there. for they are in desperate need of food and other basic humanitarian aid, especially the elderly and other vulnerable believers.

And most of Ukraine is still facing winter cold with temperatures around freezing point. Baptist and Pentecostal churches have contacted Barnabas Fund requesting assistance for food. Our partners in Ukraine have long experience of distributing food through local churches to Christians in poor areas, both in the capital Kyiv and in rural regions. The need is nor far greater and more urgent than it was one week ago.

A gift of £15 will pay for a food package that could last a young couple with a child for about a week, or an elderly couple on their own for two weeks. The food package will contain rice, pasta, buck wheat (a very traditional food staple in Ukraine), canned fish, canned beans, condensed milk, cooking oil, tea and more.

Here is a brief Prayer Guide as you pray for Ukraine:

- Ask God to redeem the situation by drawing many people to Himself. May Ukrainians and Russians discover that Jesus is the only source of peace, safety, comfort, truth and freedom.
- Pray that Ukrainians would hope not in governments, elections or diplomacy, but in Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to deliver Ukraine from evil. May He have mercy and heal this land. May He give Ukraine peace and the chance to develop as a nation that values truth, justice and freedom, all rooted in the goodness of God.

Bible themed verses- Freedom

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I walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

Psalm 119:45

•
The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

Isaiah 61:1

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Romans 6:22

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

In Him and through faith in Him, we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3:12



Prayers

The Archbishops' prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

A prayer for the healing of memories

God of compassion and hope:
Hold in your healing hands our past,
and when memories trouble us
be our medicine.
Hold in your healing hands our present,
and when events unsettle us
be our stability.
Hold in your healing hands our future,
and when insecurities threaten to limit us
be our strength.
Break the power that the past has over our present and future
and set us free to know life in all its fullness.
Amen.



Quotes

If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not crucify Him. They would ask Him to dinner, hear what He had to say and make fun of it.

(Thomas Carlyle, historian and writer)

God chose to come to us as a man, but did so through the grace and faithfulness of a woman. And in His adult life Jesus rewrote the adult cultural rule book by treating women with equality and dignity.

(Justin Brierley, theologian)

A Christian is someone who shares the sufferings of God in the world.

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German Pastor)

Without affirmation it is hard to live well.

(Henri Nouwen, Dutch Catholic Priest)

As Paul stresses again and again, God's love is shown in Christ's redemptive love on the Cross, through which our lives can be transformed. By demonstrating kindness ourselves, we can show Christ's love for the world, a love which is reverence for the unique quality of each and every human being and each and every life form.

(Margaret Ives)

May you and I live for Christ with no reserve, no retreat and no regret.

(William Bowden)

Our lives are windows through which others see Jesus. Are your windows clean, or do you prefer to hide behind the net curtains?

(Micha Jazz)

In these days of guilt complexes, perhaps the most glorious word in the English language is 'forgiveness.'

(Billy Graham)

Kindness makes a person attractive. If you would win the world, melt it, do not hammer it.

(Alexander MacLaren)

Jesus's life began in a borrowed stable and ended in a borrowed tomb.

(Alfred Plummer)

Scripture Cake – Editor's challenge

Two readers rose to the challenge: Sheila Buckley and Judith Mitchell.
I sampled both cakes and confirm that they were truly scrumptious!
£10 Waterstone's book tokens to Sheila & Judith.



Bad Investments

**“A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”
(Luke 12:15)**

The many ruins and relics of antiquity testify that earthly empires do not last. Mausoleums and memorials reveal the transience of life. The inability of governments to solve the world’s problems persuades us that politics is not the answer. Volatile markets and monthly statements show us the corruptibility and futility of wealth.

Still, the tendency of mankind is to invest in earthly things. So few people know so little of the coming kingdom that it becomes an afterthought. Six days a week we plan for life by investing in houses and goods-insuring them all-and perhaps give one day’s thought to eternity. We research

human answers to human problems and neglect the divine privilege of dependence on a transcendent God. Both as individuals and societies, we so focus on the here and now that we grow blind to the there and then. While all eternity lies before us, our vision extends but a few decades. But as in Jesus’ parable of the rich fool,



human plans can be interrupted in one surprising moment, and what we have valued most may no longer matter at all.

Where do you invest your life? In trying to maintain security and comfort in the next few decades, or in knowing the security and incorruptible glory of eternity? Millions will one day look back at their incredible lack of logic, remembering the months and years they spent on temporal comforts compared with the scarce attention they gave to everlasting realities. What a tragedy! What a waste. What a heartbreak for those who have missed the big picture and who see all their life’s labour come to nothing. By contrast, what a blessing for those who are rich toward God. Consider the long term and examine where your investments lie. Use your resources for the coming kingdom.

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My People by Barney Powell

Life, it seems, is about ever-widening circles of community. From the core or central hub of immediate family, like the ripples in a pool or the spokes of a wheel, knowledge and understanding of the world reach out to encompass an individual universe. 'My people' used to be a way of referring to your parents to locate them socially and geographically in much the same way as 'You people' is used today to distance the speaker from the views and company of others. With the greater intermingling of different classes and races of people comes the instinctual recognition that it is elective affinities which draw people together through a common feeling of sympathy towards ideas, beliefs, the arts and one another.

This is why the proper study of man is humankind rather than the composition of matter, not just in making a science of this study as the anthropologists do, but in acknowledging the basic bonds of brother- and sisterhood that bind us together. Ignorance and unfamiliarity are the ties that bind people to their fears and phobias. Often this is because, as Wittgenstein said, 'The limits of my language



mean the limits of my world' – both literally (being tongue-tied for want of the vocabulary) and figuratively (being of such limited imagination that expression of feeling and emotion beyond the raw is almost inconceivable). Roger Scruton described this challenge memorably as expressing the inexpressible through poetry, art and music, which may be enjoyed vicariously without participation in the act of creation.



To be a British citizen is a constant challenge. We try loosely to live up to the Enlightenment ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, but each of these is a different kind of shibboleth. Liberty is the great watchword people live by, particularly civil liberty, which is limited only by laws established on behalf of community. But the freedom to act or

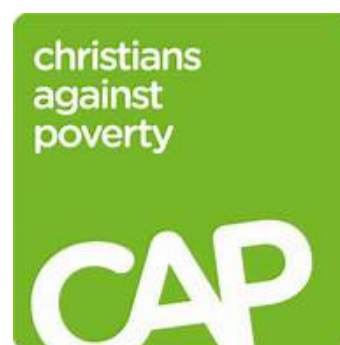
speak as a right or power to do as one pleases is increasingly circumscribed by a culture of 'woke' and 'cancelling' - the modern

equivalent of the old common law practice of 'hue and cry', whereby then as now suspected transgressors may be hounded beyond the bounds of public discourse. Equality is another enigmatic notion, having a divided aim of creating equality of opportunity with a levelling of income. The achievement of social cohesion and integration in a just, multi-cultural and multi-faith society is based on an elusive solidarity. Fraternity is more troubling still since it has become the preserve of moralists and theologians. Mate-ship is perhaps too demanding a recourse as it requires a sense of shared experience, mutual respect and unconditional assistance, where people have little in common (see para 1 above).



The next few years will be rough and harsh for most people. The struggle to cover the basic cost of living will be exacerbated by debt, inflation and the quest for meaningful work. There will be large gaps in provision which

public services cannot fill. Thus, as in the past, people's needs and wants will only be fully met by collective self-help institutions, of which the Church is but one among many - like the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Friendly Societies, amateur sports clubs, the U3A and Samaritans. What sets the Church/mosque/temple apart is its essential role as hub of community in a modern age where localised kinship is rare and isolated individuals may find relief in sharing the burden of their existential problems in the vortex of its embrace.



When prophecy tries your patience

It began in AD 500 and has continued ever since -predictions about the date of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Obviously, none have been correct! For example, three very prominent Christian theologians and historians of the second and third century AD predicted that Christ would return



in the year AD 500(based in part on the dimensions of Noah's Ark).a German monk and mathematician predicted that the Judgment Day would begin at 8.00am on October 19,1533. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed the Millennium would begin in 1836.

William Miller predicted the Second Coming would happen by October 22nd, 1844. The failure of Christ to appear led to the historical period known as the Great Disappointment. Miller's followers split apart: some continued to set dates, while others formed the basis of what became the Seventh Day Adventist Church (and stopped predicting a date for Christ's return). Even some well-known evangelical Bible teachers in the twentieth century set approximate dates, like the turn of the millennium in 2000- for the return of Christ.

The most obvious question that arises when it comes to predicting the return of Christ is, Why bother? Jesus said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is." (Mark 13:33). If Jesus and the angels don't know the hour and day of His return, why would we think that any of us could figure it out? It's natural to wonder about future events; it's not okay to become obsessed with future events.

In recent years the wealthiest people in the world began getting nervous about life on planet Earth - some form of "Armageddon"- and they began building 'billionaire bunkers' to prepare for the worst. These safe places will allow them to continue their moneyed lifestyle with food, power and luxury amenities. We should not wait on Christ's return by burying our head in the sand and ignoring the needs of the world we'd like to avoid interacting with. That is not how we should wait for Christ to return.

Instead of viewing Jesus's return as a longed-for-light at the end of the dark tunnel of this world, we should be the light *in* the tunnel. Instead of complaining about the deteriorating moral, spiritual and economic health of this world, we should be the salt of the earth. We are "the light of the



world" and "the salt of the earth," Jesus said (Matthew 5: 13-16)

When Christ returns is not as important as *what* He finds us doing when he returns. And what should we be doing? We have a good example of the *wonder/wait/work* scenario in Acts 1 when Christ was preparing His apostles for His

ascension into heaven. They *wondered* whether He was going to establish His kingdom in Jerusalem at that time (verse 6). He told them to *wait* in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to be given to them (verses 4-5). Their waiting was not to be passive but to be active. The Holy Spirit was to empower them for the *work* Christ had given them to do: to take the Gospel into the world and make disciples (verse 8). That is the same work He has given us to do until He returns. Instead of asking "What if?" we should be asking "What now?"

**Live each day like
Jesus is coming
back.
Because one day,
He will.**

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While we wait for Christ to return, we are to continue fulfilling the Great Commission. Instead of spending our time *wondering* when Christ will return, let us actively *wait* by doing the work He left us to do,

(From 'Turning Points' devotional- with permission)

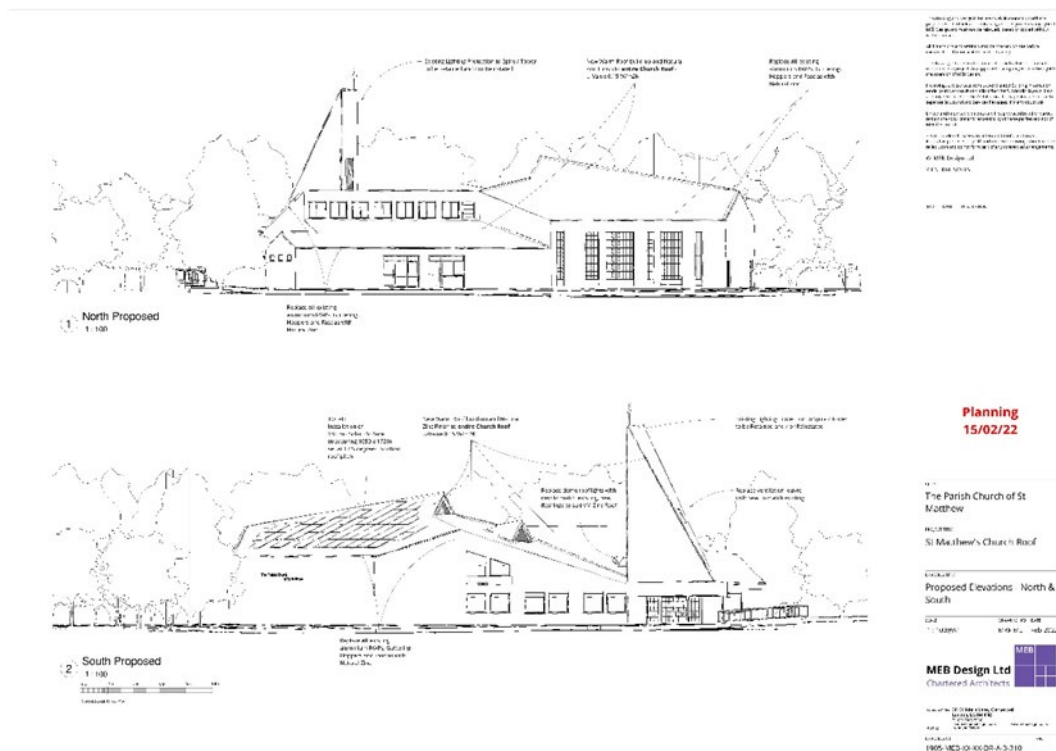
St Matthew's Roof Fund- progress report

MEB Design have drawn up the plans for our new roof – see below. Energy efficiency will be improved with the addition of insulation under the new covering and solar PV panels on top. Once we have approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, we will apply for planning permission from Croydon Council. With the planning permission we can then make applications for funding to all the charities, trusts and grant givers we have identified and for the faculty from the DAC.

Thank you to all those who completed the questionnaire about what makes St Matthew special and why we should put in so much effort to keep it. With The information you have provided will greatly help to support our claim that St Matthew's is much more than just a church; it is in fact a vital hub and centre for social activities in the local area and serves the wider multicultural community in a number of indispensable ways.

We are so grateful to all those in the congregation and community who regularly give month on month to the roof fund. We still have a long way to go but mountains are climbed one step at a time.

(The Roof Fund Committee)



An ex-colleague sent me this.....

We often moan that the English sense of humour has been greatly diminished, but as this letter from the Pensions Office to a retired Lt . Colonel shows, all is not lost ...enjoy:-

Lt. Colonel Robert Maclaren retired from the British Army in 2001 after a long fulfilling career. On the day that he retired he received a letter from the Personnel Department of the Ministry of Defence setting out details of his pension and, in particular, the tax-free 'lump sum' award, (based upon completed years of service), that he would receive in addition to his monthly pension.

The letter read,

"Dear Lt. Colonel Maclaren,

We write to confirm that you retired from the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards on 1st March 2001 at the rank of Lt Colonel, having been commissioned into the British Army at Edinburgh Castle as a 2nd Lieutenant on 1st February 1366. Accordingly your lump sum payment, based on years served, has been



calculated as £68,500. You will receive a cheque for this amount in due course.

Yours sincerely, Army Paymaster"

Col Maclaren replied;

"Dear Paymaster,

Thank you for your recent letter confirming that I served as an officer in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards between 1st February 1366 and 1st March 2001 – a total period of 635 years and 1 month. I note however that you have calculated my lump sum to be £68, 500, which seems to be considerably less than it should be bearing in mind my length of service since I received my commission from King Edward III. By my calculation, allowing for interest payments and currency fluctuations, my lump sum should actually be £6, 427, 586, 619. 47p.

I look forward to receiving a cheque for this amount in due course.

Yours sincerely

Robert Maclaren (Lt Col Retd)

A month passed by and then in early April, a stout manilla envelope from the Ministry of Defence in Edinburgh dropped through Col Maclaren's letter box, it read:

"Dear Lt Colonel Maclaren,

We have reviewed the circumstances of your case as outlined in your recent letter to us dated 8th March inst. We do indeed confirm that you were commissioned into the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards by King Edward III at Edinburgh Castle on 1st February 1366, and that you served continuously for the following 635 years and 1 month. We have re-calculated your pension and have pleasure in confirming that the lump sum payment due to you is indeed £6, 427, 586, 619. 47p.

However,

We also note that according to our records you are the only surviving officer who had command responsibility during the following campaigns and battles;

The Wars of the Roses 1455 -1485 (Including the battles of Bosworth Field, Barnet and Towton)

The Civil War 1642 -1651 (Including the battles Edge Hill, Naseby and the conquest of Ireland)

The Napoleonic War 1803 – 1815 (including the battle of Waterloo and the Peninsular War)

The Crimean War (1853 – 1856) (including the battle of Sevastopol and the Charge of the Light Brigade)

The Boer War (1899 -1902).

We would therefore wish to know what happened to the following, which do not appear to have been returned to Stores by you on completion of operations: 9765 Cannon, 26, 785 Swords, 12,889 Pikes, 127, 345 Rifles (with bayonets) and 28,987 horses (fully kitted). Plus three complete marching bands with instruments and banners.

WE have calculated the total cost of these items and they amount to £6,427,518.119.47p. WE have therefore subtracted this sum from your lump sum, leaving a residual amount of £68,500, for which you will receive a cheque in due course.

Yours sincerely

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