

St Matthias Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24th February 2019

Welcome all visiting with us for the first time and invite you all to join us, after mass, for Coffee/tea at the back of Church

Sunday 24th	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parish Mass 11am
Monday 25th	FERIA OF SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass 10am
Tuesday 26th	FERIA OF SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass 6pm
Wednesday 27th	FERIA OF SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass 10am
Thursday 28th	FERIA OF SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
Friday 1st	S DAVID B, PATRON OF WALES	
Saturday 2nd	Our Lady on Saturday	Mass 10.am
Sunday 3rd	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parish Mass 11am

GRANVILLE LOVELL - RIP

The funeral will take place here in church this Thursday 28th February at 11am.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 1ST MARCH

Will take place this Friday 1st March 2019, starting at St Thomas More Church, 9 Henry Road N4 2LH at 2:15pm, then in the evening at St Mary's Old Church, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 9ES at 7pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

QUIZ NIGHT – 2ND MARCH

We have our quiz night, everyone and anyone welcome to attend, always a great evening with fun and laughter! £10pp, children free (15 under) bring your own drink and food! We will begin at 6:30 and hopefully finish by 8:45. All monies raised goes towards the electrics.

LENT

Is just over a week away and please return your PALM CROSSES from last year, otherwise we won't have any ashes to burn! Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 10am and 6pm so everyone can have the opportunity of beginning Lent correctly!

Of course, we will have our pre-Lent Fish n' Chip supper in the church on the Tuesday night following Mass at 6pm, and it is politely requested that all monies must be paid by next Sunday; we are asking £10 for a special from Mickey's Chippy and although slightly more than what Mickey charges, all the rest will go towards the electrics. Bring your own wine etc.

ELECTRICS

It has now been confirmed that CES Electrics have won the Tender to carry out the re-wiring of the church. This is a huge project and it is speculated that works will begin on 13th May, the day after our Patronal festival. The cost of this project will be £87,980+VAT; we have so far £50K and we need to raise the rest of the funds; every way helps, and it would be much appreciated if everyone supports as much as we can, even in the small ways like attending the quiz night for example, or anything else that we put money towards. It cannot be emphasized enough how much we need to raise, even with the very kind donation and loan we have been awarded from the diocese which amounts to £40K.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL REQUESTS

In the past few weeks, I have been approached by various families to sign applications for secondary schools. I only sign if the families are known regular attendees of this church which means attending for at least 2x month for at least a year. It is not me being awkward, this is a requirement of any secondary school applicant and so being offered some money towards this church will not benefit the family, as I am in serious breach of depriving another child from a school place if they conform to the school's requirements of obtaining a place in a school. It is very difficult to be offered a choice of a school if one does not conform to the school's policies.

SID WILLS

Has offered to run The Great North Part Marathon in September. He usually raises funds for Cancer Research, but because St Matthias has been a part of his life for many years, he has suggested that he would like to raise funds for the church and its restoration! The amazing thing about Sid (who co-jointly runs the Yoga in the church halls) is that he is 78 years young!

More information about this will be available soon, but we hope that many of us will offer our support as he runs the 13.5 miles.

SOME DATES FOR DIARIES

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday, Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday, Friday 19th April Good Friday, Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday, Sunday 12th May Patronal Festival.

ELECTORAL ROLL

A message from the Diocese of London; the Electoral roll for the whole of the church will need to be totally updated this year. Therefore, everyone will need to fill in a form and return them by 1st April 2019. If anyone does not do this, your name will NOT AUTOMATICALLY be updated and you will not be on the electoral roll. Some may ask why you need to be on the roll; this gives you privileges to vote at an AGM; to receive the benefits of belonging to the parish and gives access to Church Rights. Please see Sheryl for a form.

STOKEY HISTORY TALKS NO9 ST MATTHIAS HALL - MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY AT, 7.30PM.

What do Marc Bolan, Amy Winehouse, Leona Lewis, The Pretenders, The Jam, a Methodist Church on Green Lanes and Stoke Newington Church Street have in common? They all feature in Stokey History Talks No9, organised by passionate local historian Amir Dotan, the event features three talks on Stoke Newington's history from different perspectives lasting 25 minutes each and illustrated by a mixture of archival and contemporary images, showing the area through the respective lenses of local historians, researchers, writers, photographers and others interested in Stoke Newington's colourful past.

Tickets £5. Doors and cash bar 6.45pm, talks 7.30pm.

TEA AND CAKE WITH PETS AGAINST LONELINESS

St Matthias Halls is delighted to be hosting a monthly get-together for local organisation Pets Against Loneliness and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible. It's for people who would like contact with animals but for whatever reason, can't have their own pet. Tea and coffee and cake are served.

The sessions are held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10am until 12noon on an informal drop-in basis. The events are free to attend.