

St Matthew's Parish NEWS

Matthew's Church, North Common Road, London W5 2QA <https://www.stmatthewsealing.org/>

December 2024 – Christmas Special

	WORSHIP THIS MONTH				
	Day	Date	Time	Note	Worship
	Sunday	1st	Advent 1	08:00 AM	Holy Communion (BCP)
				10:30 AM	Communion & Christingle Service
	Sunday	8th	Advent 2	08:00 AM	Holy Communion (BCP)
				10:30 AM	Morning Prayer & Worship
	Sunday	15th	Advent 3	08:00 AM	Holy Communion (BCP)
				11:00 AM	Christmas Candlelight Carol Service , followed by Parish Buffet
	Sunday	22nd	Advent 4	08:00 AM	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30 AM				Morning Worship & Nativity	
Tuesday	24th	Christmas Eve	11:30 PM	Christmas Choral Communion	
Wednesday	25th	Christmas Day	10.30 AM	Christmas Day Communion & Carols	
Sunday	29th	Christmas 1	10.30 AM	Morning Prayer & Worship	

NEWS BULLETIN

From the Heritage Group

As St Matthew's is a Grade II listed building with an interesting history and a number of specialist features, we open the church doors to the public every second Saturday of the month from 11am till 2pm with Debbie Edwards, our Historian/Archivist, giving a guided tour at 12 noon, if required. We also offer tea and coffee and have had some really engaging interchanges with a wide range of people. We are looking for volunteers. Only 3 hours per month!

Next Open Church - Saturday 14 December.



NOTICE BOARD

London Open House Festival 2024 14 - 22 September

This festival is a London wide celebration that opens the city's architecture, special places and neighborhoods with free open days and events taking place across all 33 London boroughs. We have taken part the last few years and this year Ian signed St Matthew's up again. There was a heartening amount of interest, and we intend to take part again next year.

Children's News from Neil Cartmell.

Our Annual Christmas Nativity will be on Sunday 22nd December. We'd love as many children as possible to take part. There are plenty of speaking and simple nonspeaking roles. If you have any children that would like to join in, let me know. Also, if any children would like to join in with the choir at the Carol Service on Sunday the 15th please get in touch. Thank you. NeilCartmell@hotmail.com

Plea for volunteers

As with any organization there are many jobs large and small that require doing and we are running out of volunteers! If you could help in any way it would be much appreciated. There are also some vacancies: Sideman, Safeguarding Officer and Treasurer

Big Issue Christmas Appeal 2024

"No one really likes the winter unless you're wrapped up for it. But still, I get on with it. I can deal with the cold, it's only the rain I don't like." (Will, Big Issue vendor)

This Christmas, please consider buying a Big Issue magazine from your local vendor. Or alternatively, consider buying a Vendor Support Kit online to keep vendors war, dry, earning & progressing.

YMCA Christmas collection

We're holding our Christmas collection for the YMCA - we use your donations to purchase vouchers for the YMCA people as a thank you and to offer our support to them. There will be opportunities to donate on Sunday service, but we have opened up a Collective pot for donations on-line. You can find the link here <https://pay.collectiv.com/ymca-65646> There will also be opportunities to give at our Sunday services.

A BIG THANK YOU

To everyone that attended the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter Quiz.

It was very kindly hosted by All Saints Church, our neighbors on the other side of the common. It was a very well attended night which raised a great sum of £851.

This amazing donation will help fund St Matthew's participation in the New Year.

The Church will host the Shelter on Saturday nights from 22nd February until 29th March 2025.

We will need volunteers for lots of shifts so if you would like to help in anyway please email Ian Pearce - Mrianpearce@googlemail.com

Thank, Ian Pearce

St Matthews PCC

Buildings and Outreach

Other Events at the church

Date	Time	Event
6 th DECEMBER	7.00 PM	MAYHEW CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENING
13 th DECEMBER	See Website	VOICES SINGING SCHOOL
14 th DECEMBER	7.30 PM	EALING VOICES CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Please pray this Christmas for

the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine; the plight of refugees; the victims of war and conflict; the hungry & the homeless; the lonely, isolated, and bereaved; and for the future of St Matthew's Church. (If you have any additional prayer requests for future newsletters, please contact using the details below.)

Finance & Stewardship



We rely hugely on the continued support of donors to help us keep St Matthew's running and are extremely grateful for any contributions. Please speak to our Treasurer Lucie for more information or consider supporting us via the link to our website below. It is possible to sign up for regular giving with the Parish Giving Scheme, send a one off donation or contribute to the organ fund. <https://www.stmatthewsealing.org/general-4>

Lucie

A Final Thought

“A test of our spirituality must be whether it makes us more aware of the realities of the world, and therefore ready to respond to them-or not.”



LINKS

Church of England	https://www.churchofengland.org/
Diocese of London	https://www.london.anglican.org/
Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter	https://ecwns.org.uk/
Ealing Food Bank	https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/
The Big Issue	https://www.bigissue.com or to take out a regular subscription: https://www.bigissue.com/subscribe/

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