

Monthly opportunities for Prayer  
 If you would like prayer for any needs, for yourself or for someone you know, then please make your way to the Side Chapel during the time of Holy Communion on the first Sunday each month at our 10.30 am service where some members of the church family will pray with you.

Prayer Request cards - If you have specific prayer requests, please write them on the cards that are in the pews and either hand it to Mike or pin it on the prayer request board that is located at the back of the church.

### St Matthew's Prayer Network

If you have an urgent prayer need that you would like the church family to pray for, please contact Jaci Wallace.  
 Email: [jaciwllc@aol.co.uk](mailto:jaciwllc@aol.co.uk)  
 Telephone: 01424 713998.

If you would like to be part of the St Matthew's Prayer Network, please contact Mike.  
 Email: [mike@mikecoe.co.uk](mailto:mike@mikecoe.co.uk)  
 Text or phone: 07929717105.

## Mission Focus

Mission of the month for February is Charles Semwaga and the Lawrence Barham Trust



Peace Guest House, Cyangugu, Rwanda

The perimeter wall around the new land next to the Peace Guest House is nearing completion. Earlier this year the Mayor's office in Cyangugu ordered the guesthouse to concrete the car park within a month otherwise they would close it down. The cost to do the work was around £15,000 and, with contributions from LBMT supporters and the Diocese, block pavers have been laid enhancing the look of the car park and the entrance to the guesthouse.

Within the Mayor's edict is also the concreting of the road from the guesthouse to the main road that is going to cost around a further £18,000.



*Please take a copy of the 'news from Charles Semwaga' dated February 2012 available at the back of the church.*



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Items for the Church Family News should be handed into the Church Office by **Thursday, 9.00 am.**

# Church Family News

*Welcome to St Matthew's Church*

### WELCOME!

There are Welcome Packs at the back of Church where you will find leaflets and information about St Matthews. Do have a look, particularly if you are a newcomer. Please fill out a welcome card and hand it to a member of the clergy.

### TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
 10.30 am **Holy Communion**  
 'Clean and Unclean'  
*Isaiah 29: 13-21 (p 713)*  
*Mark 7: 1-23 (p 1010)*  
 Speaker: Edward Towner  
 Prayers: Margaret Holohan

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
 10.30 am **Morning Worship**

### Activity Bags

There are activity bags hanging up in the crèche room for young children to use for those who want to stay in the service with you. Please feel free to use this facility and return the bags afterwards.

### Crèche

If you have children from 0 to 3 you may like to know that there is a crèche run by members of the church family available during the 10.30 am service in the Centenary Room at the back of the church.



## The month at St Matthews .....

### THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

#### Today 5 February

12.15 pm Sunday@ASDA. A lunch club for the church family - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Meet inside the ASDA restaurant. For further information contact Jaci Wallace 01424 713998.

#### Monday 6 February

7.30 pm Deanery Synod at the Magnet Centre.

#### Tuesday 7 February

7.45 pm Christianity Explored Session 4.

#### Wednesday 8 February

9.00 am 'Smarties' breakfast club in church.

#### Wednesday 22 February

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion in Church.

#### Sunday 4 March

6.30 pm Confirmation Service at St Matthew's Church.

#### Monday 16 April

7.45 pm Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings.

**Are you good with figures?** We are looking for some volunteers to assist Tom, our treasurer to help oversee the finances of the church. If you are interested please talk to Mike.

#### **Reading the Bible in Church**

We are looking for more readers to read the Bible at the 10.30 am services. If you are willing to consider this please talk to Mike.

Sermon Notes

#### **February and March News and Prayer**

The St Matthew's February and March News and Prayer is available at the back of the church.

#### **Church Flowers**

We are most grateful to all who have so generously paid for the flowers in church during the past six months. If you would like to make a donation to commemorate an anniversary or family event, would you please put your name against the appropriate week on the list for the next six months, at the back of the church. Thank you so much. Pat Bowles and Chris Hayler.



#### **Refreshments**

We hope you will stay for refreshments so that we can get to know you a little better - these are served at the back of the Church after the 10.30 am service on Sunday mornings.

At Sunday Services, a **COLLECTION PLATE** is provided on the table to the left as you enter the church.