

# St. Matthew's Matters



The weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Church, Worthing



**John writes:**

## **Update on the Hall Extension**

Many people have asked me about the plans for the hall extension, especially with the prayer request about the grant from West Sussex for the Pre-school covered area. Clearly it is time for an update!

### **The present plans**

At the back of church we still have the model of the plans for everyone to see plus the different items that can be sponsored. You will remember that the extension essentially has three parts: the covered area, the office and the new meeting room. In addition it will be attached to the small hall by a door through what is now the southern window (the one next to the kitchen). The extension will be set away from the small hall and this will allow a new covered entrance. There will also be a disabled toilet and new storage in the small hall. The first stage is to get the new covered area, the office and the meeting room built and this is what we are raising funds for right now. The impetus for this was the requirement from West Sussex that the Pre-School children have a covered play area, for which they agreed to give a £42,000 grant.

### **So what has happened about the grant?**

On 17th August West Sussex Capital Grants Scheme, which is administered by their early childhood service, sent this email: "Following recent announcements that the Government is reviewing the capital funding planned for front-line service providers to assess where cuts can be made, please see attached correspondence regarding status of your Early Years Quality and Access Capital Grant project..."

The attached correspondence said this in the first paragraph:

*"In light of the Government's review of the Early Years – Quality and Access Capital grant, we have to advise you that funding may be withdrawn and your project is at risk. Therefore no further commitments should be made and no further expenditure should be incurred until further information on any grant reduction is known."*

Speaking on the phone to the Early Childhood Service it is clear that they too are upset by this turn of events. They explained that Michael Gove, the Minister for Education, was calling in all grants not already spent or committed by contract. So right now the decision about our grant is sitting on someone's desk in Westminster. The situation is actually worse than that because it applies to many Pre-School settings across West Sussex who were also promised a grant to improve their facilities for the 3-5 year olds they look after.

It seems very strange to me that, at the very moment when the government is talking about "Big Society" they are trying to take away this grant. It is already promised by contract; as a charity we make no profit from the Pre-School; it is for the benefit of young children; it is to fulfil a requirement by OFSTED; and it is for one of the most deprived areas in West Sussex (Worthing Central Ward). If this grant is withdrawn it is obvious that cutting the budget deficit comes above all else: care of children, compassion for the needy, education, fulfilling a promise made, helping a charity, and probably a legal duty.

### **And then there is the good news...**

There is a serious ray of hope yet. Perhaps (unlikely as it seems) the government will not try to withdraw our grant. However the main point is we have a signed contract from West Sussex and the first payment of £15,000 in our bank. Most (or all) of Pre-School settings with a withdrawn grant do not have this sealed contract. I had assumed (naively it seems) that as a result the whole grant was secure. It seems we received our contract almost simultaneously as the government called the grants back in. Naturally (as you can imagine) we have no desire to give back the £15,000 and every desire to hold West Sussex to their contract which we have entered into in good faith. However I am no lawyer...

The best news, of course, is God. Thank God we do not rely on the governments of this world to achieve his purposes. If this extension is his will then it will go ahead. So please keep praying and we continue our fundraising for the rest of the project, because we believe it is his will and God has called us to this struggle. (So make sure you are at the Promise Auction on Saturday 4th!) Please pray also for the other Pre-Schools across West Sussex many of whom are likely to be very disappointed.

### **Planning Permission: more good news!**

After all this the Planning Permission seems almost trivial. However there is really good news: we have just heard that planning permission has been granted! Thanks be to God!

### **The future**

After all this we still hope to build in the autumn with as much help from the congregation as possible in the building work. Prayer, hard work and sacrificial giving are our part. God will open the necessary way!

*John Chitham*

# Fundraising for the Hall Extension

## AUCTION OF PROMISES

What could  
you offer?

For those of you who receive St.  
Matthew's Matters by email, the  
Promise auction is

What would  
you like to  
bid for?

# **TOMORROW**

**Saturday 4th September at 7.30 p.m.**

**St. Matthew's Church.**

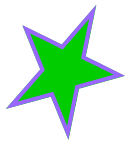
# Please do come along!

We have many varied lots for auction, including:

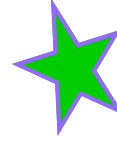
- a week in a holiday cottage in Worcestershire
- a two course lunch for 2 including wine,
- a motorbike ride,
- an osteopathic treatment,
- a cut and blow dry,
- ironing,
- roast Sunday lunch
- foot massage

and many others.

Please contact Janet Ashton (01903 693550) Alistair Pitcher or Laure Jackson if you are interested in offering an item or placing a bid if you cannot be there on the night. A list will be available on Sunday showing details of all the lots.



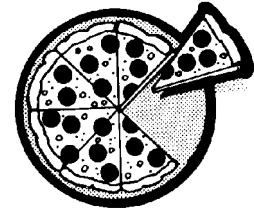
## Green Cuisine in association with St. Matthew's



Are you a Jamie or Nigella wannabe???

Then design your own pizza and Build A Brick for St. Matthew's!

**Design your own unique pizza!**



Pay £1 to enter the competition = one brick!

Hand your entry (with drawing or photograph) and £1 to Janet Ashton or Clare McIvor.

We hope to make a 2011 Calendar using the 12 best designs, which will be sold to raise funds for the Hall Extension.....how cool is that?!

Please include the following:

Describe your pizza; Name your pizza; Crust/Dough; Base spread, Toppings; Any other unique features (e.g. suitable for special diets, seasonal produce, Biblical connections?) and of course your name and contact details.

**Good luck!**

## IN AID OF ST. MATTHEW'S HALL EXTENSION

"Two Senior day returns to Littlehampton, please."

**NO, we will not be going by train but WALKING!**

Pat Dale and Jean Hanson will be walking from Grand Avenue, Worthing to Littlehampton Harbour (approx. 13 miles) on Saturday, September 25th.

Please sponsor us! Sign up sheet is available at the back of the church.



## The Sponsored Ride & Stride

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**



Duncan Kay, along with Kathryn and Alice will be riding around Worthing visiting as many churches as possible in aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and will leave St. Matthew's at about 9.30am. We are planning a route and hope to get to East Preston but will be stopping for regular breaks (and a picnic!).

If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome – just bring your bike!

If you are unable to join us, please consider sponsoring us by signing our form on a Sunday.

**Half the money** raised will come back to St. Matthew's, so it is a good cause!

## Newswatch from the Fulcrum website.

It is almost impossible to find and keep up to date with the different news stories that might interest Christians. The good news is that Fulcrum, an Anglican Evangelical organisation, has done it for us! Here are some of the stories over the last week. Obviously we do not necessarily endorse all the views made, but they all should inform and make us think. To get the full stories just click on this link or paste directly into your browser: <http://www.fulcrum-anglican.org.uk/>

How should churches respond to the Big Society - Rowan Williams

The Text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's remarks on the Big Society in July. Archbishop of Canterbury's website. <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/2956>

Kidnapped Christian relief worker freed in Sudan after 105 days

An aid worker for Christian relief organisation Samaritan's Purse was released on Monday after being held hostage for 105 days in Sudan. Aaron J Leichmann. Christian Today. 31 August 2010

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/kidnapped.christian.relief.worker.freed.in.sudan.after.105.days/26605.htm>

Christians could learn a lot about life from heavy metal, says cleric.

Christians could learn a lot about life from listening to heavy metal, according to a Church of England cleric. By Martin Beckford, Telegraph, 31 August 2010.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/religion/7971749/Christians-could-learn-a-lot-about-life-from-heavy-metal-says-cleric.html>

### Worthing Churches Homeless Project DONATIONS

Worthing Churches Homeless Project are truly grateful to all who give donations, both for St. Clares and the shop.

They have issued a special appeal for the shop for the following:

*saleable clothing, toys, books, jewellery, bric a brac, and small electrical items.*

At St Clares they are requesting:

*old clothes, bedding, towels and CDs for recycling.*

The housekeepers wish list is as follows:

*Tinned tomatoes, sugar, coffee, baked beans, tinned fruit and toilet rolls.*

Please either leave donations in box at back of Church, or telephone Ashley or Chris on 532264 for collection.

Apart from donations they are grateful for ongoing prayer for this vital work in Worthing (see our prayer list on page 5).

See Ashley and Chris Stafford in St. Matthew's for more information.

### WORTHING BIBLE SOCIETY

invite you to hear the

### AVE MARIA GHANAIAN CHOIR

at a concert in aid of

*One Million Bibles for Ghana's Youth!*



### WHEN?

Saturday 11th September at 7.00 pm

### WHERE?

St. Matthew's Church,  
Shakespeare Rd

### TICKETS:

£6.00 in advance (£7.00 on the door), to include refreshments, may be bought from PAT MOSS (243649)



# St. Matthew's Prayer Page

## 5th September 2010

### **for our church**

- The Hall Extension: bad news that the government may now not give all or part of the promised grant (see front page). This is hanging in the balance so please pray! However give thanks that planning permission has now been granted. Pray also for other Pre-Schools who may lose their grant.
- for our Bishops; and for St Matthew's staff team
- for housegroup leaders and musicians

### **for the nations of the world**

- for our government, Prime Minister and cabinet
- for Afghanistan and Iraq
- for Pakistan: pray against the spread of cholera and an effectiveness for the aid operation
- and for Niger, an unpublicized disaster of flooding and starvation

### **for our families, friends and neighbours**

- for those with sick older relatives, especially Colin, Angela, Andrew, Steve, Marjorie, Phil, Charlie and Sandra
- For Linda Jerram's mother
- for Liz Harnes' family
- that we may be able to share Christ with our families

### **for those in the workplace**

- for the unemployed, those seeking work, those in fear of their jobs. This is especially significant in St. Matthew's right now, with a number of people affected by redundancy or lack of employment.
- for those returning to school or university soon, both staff and students. For our school governors, especially Duncan and Kerry starting this term.

### **for the bringing of good news**

- for Tina Hayes-Tierney as she renews her baptismal vows and Harmony as she is baptised (this Sunday)
- for the possibility of one or even two Alpha courses in October. Pray for possible course members.
- Pray for MAM - Please pray for our Nurses in Kisizi Hospital. Margaret is now taking responsibility on the wards. Charity and Kevinah continue with their training.
- Ann Moore is in charge of the small babies as well as giving some training to student nurses and serving on the Hospital Board. Please pray for her as she has a short break in UK at present. You are welcome to meet her at the MAM Prayer Meeting this Tuesday (see Snippets)

### **for the sick and bereaved**

- for many with ongoing ailments: Sarah Lawson, Jane Bravo, Ginny Santer, Lucy Ashton, Lynette Salton, Brenda Bateman, June Hunt, Erika Rundstadler, Shirley Smith and Sheila Raphael

### **and for the pregnant**

Karen Parish (due Friday 3/9!!), Lindsay Johnson (due October)  
Kate Weller (due November), and Kathryn Kay (due February)

### **LET US PRAY...**

### **for members of our congregation**

#### **Sunday 5th** \*Guides and Rainbows

Ian & Penny Cartwright, Ben, Seb & Emily  
Steve & Tracey Casebow, Anna, Megan & Joe  
Colin & Josie Campbell & family  
Amanda & John Cherry, Isla & Zalia

#### **Monday 6th** \*Residential Homes

John & Basma Chitham & Jack  
Sandy & Sue Clark & Fiona  
Pat Clarke (Parkside)  
Jackie Coutts  
Pat Dale

#### **Tuesday 7th** \*Screen and sound operators

Shelagh Denholm  
Theresa Dennis, Georgina & Christopher  
Charlie & Sandra Dick & family  
Ian & Alexis Dowglass, Theodora, Phoebe & Lydia  
Cherry & John Eagleson  
Karen Fisher & Jacob

#### **Wednesday 8th** \*Church cleaners

Julie Fell & Abby  
Richard & Naomi Finlay, Rachel, Emma & Rebecca  
Sally Fraser & Stuart & Amy  
Philip Gill

#### **Thursday 9th** \*St. Matthew's Preschool

Liz & Alan Greene, Sam & Natalie  
David & Bianca Groves & Astrid  
Margaret Hayden  
Jean Hanson

#### **Friday 10th** \*Homegroups

Liz & Nicola Harnes & family  
Phoebe Hart  
Tina Hayes-Tierney & Harmony  
Joyce Holcombe  
Tim & Sophie Hughes, William, Rebecca & Jamie  
Hugh Hulbert (Ramsey Hall)  
June Hunt  
John & Una Hutchings

#### **Saturday 11th** \*Clifton Community Church

Peggy Ireland  
Laure & Paul Jackson, Lily & Zoë  
Juliet James  
Lyuda Janova  
Linda Jerram

People who worship regularly at St Matthew's and are part of our community may like to ask to be included on the monthly prayer rota. Please email Maggie [st\\_matthews@btconnect.com](mailto:st_matthews@btconnect.com)

## From Tina Hayes-Tierney

### *Who renews her Baptismal promises on Sunday, as Harmony is baptised*

When Karen died my whole world crumbled and I blamed God for it.

I never thought I would be able to do any of this, without her.

When we came into St. Matt's every single person welcomed Harmony and I into their hearts; they have given us so much time and support and asked nothing in return, which I have never had before, and I am truly humbled by it all.

I never thought I would ever renew my baptismal Promise and also Harmony's Baptism is just a small way of showing how far we have come.

I never thought I would believe and have faith in God ever again.

I know he didn't leave us, just took a while for me to see it all and that is down to all the love and support of the People of St. Matt's and I thank every single one of you from the bottom of my heart, all I need to say now is that God rocks and I am very happy to make my Promises to him and very proud to call myself a Christian, and I know Karen would be smiling too.



## Another St Matthew's Family Fun Day

On

**Saturday September 18th at St. Matthew's 2-5pm**

We are holding another FREE event for the local community.



### Programme



**2—4pm**

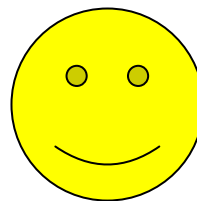
**Children's Activities, Crafts, Face Painting,  
Caricatures, Nail painting**

**2.15 3pm & 4 pm**

**Puppet Shows**

**4.20pm**

**Games with Ravi**



**2 - 5pm**

**Teas and cakes**

**ALL DAY**

**Amateur Radio Station**

**In case of wet weather  
everything will take place in the church and hall**

**Help please**

We need helpers to set up ( from 11am) and clear away at 5pm.  
We also need some more offers of cakes (homemade or bought) - please add your name to the list at back of church.



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THE FIRST EVER

# Worthing Comedy Festival

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Stand-up poet **JUDE SIMPSON** opens the festival with musical maestro **JAMES SHERWOOD + RUSS BRAVO** St Paul's Centre, 8pm



SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER



Performance poet, musician and comedian **JOHN HEGLEY** promises a top night with his usual brand of inspired poetics and punk sensibility silliness + **BEN SALTER** 7.30 + 9pm Dome Gallery Bar

**FREE** 15-20 minute Comedy Lunchbox taster sessions at coffee shops and restaurants between about 12 noon and 2.30pm. with **RUSS** and **BEN SALTER**. Songs, jokes and stories!

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

**SUNDAY COMEDY BRUNCHBOX** sees **PAUL KERENSA, ANDY KIND** and **RUSS BRAVO** take a topical tilt at the Sunday papers 12.30pm Dome Function Suite



**TICKETS: WHERE & HOW MUCH?**

Tickets are **£7 (£5 concessions)** available from Russ (077200 40456), John (01903 218026) and Maggie in the Church Office (01903 207024)

Check out [www.youtube.com/mattscomedyclub](http://www.youtube.com/mattscomedyclub) and find us on Facebook!



## Snippets

**Parish Office is closed** until 6th September.

**The new Programme Card and Prayer Card** are available from the back of church.

**Some Smalls teams** are still teetering on the edge of the viable. Do you have a weekday morning free when you might be able to help? We re-start this week, and need people for all Wednesdays and Thursdays, or alternate Tuesdays and Fridays. Speak to *Mary*.

**Supper Club:** We are so pleased that a number of Supper parties have met so far. Jane and I are about to prepare a new Rota for the period Sept - Nov 2010. If you would like to be included please sign the list at the back of Church by Aug 22nd. We hope to have the new Rota out in early September. *Ian Prior*

**Challenge Newspaper** for September is in the magazine rack. Read about **MARTINA** whom God brought all the way to UK to find faith in Him.

**MAM Prayer Meeting** will be on Tuesday (7th September) when we shall welcome **ANN MOORE** to bring us the latest news from Kisiizi. PLEASE NOTE: as Ann is bringing a power point presentation, for this month only we shall meet at Rosemary Browes' home (34, Grand Avenue) from 2.30 - 3.45. ALL ARE WELCOME!! (Rosemary's number is 247570)

**St Matthew's Tennis** is on Wednesdays 7pm-8pm, charge £2. All levels welcome. The evening is very convivial. See Andrew 07703 537038

**St Andrew's CE High School for Boys**, Sackville Road, Worthing BN14 8BG, are holding an open evening on Monday 27 September from 6pm-8pm. Taster morning sessions run from Monday 20 September to Friday 24 September. For more info telephone the Head's PA on 01903 820676.

**Cleaner/Maintenance Person Vacancy at Feba Radio, Worthing:** Part-time, 6-8 hours per week over 2 days for the Christian Radio charity. Please see [www.feba.org.uk](http://www.feba.org.uk) for more details or contact Amy Goodwin at [personnel@feba.org.uk](mailto:personnel@feba.org.uk). Deadline is 5pm Friday 24th September.

**Room for students wanted** - 6th-27th February to accommodate visitors from Argentina. £70 per week. Please see *Helen* or *Richard Leney* (235049).

To place a notice in *Snippets*, contact **Kathryn Kay** on [kathrynmusic@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynmusic@gmail.com) or ☎368689 by Wednesday morning



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Open: Mon – Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm.



## SERVICE TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER

### Sunday 5th September

- 8:45am Holy Communion**  
53 The Redeemer, 1 Hebrews 11:32-12:2  
Leader: *John* Preacher: *John*
- 10:30am Morning Prayer & Baptism of Harmony**  
John 20:19-23  
Leader: *Mary* Preacher: *John*

### Sunday 12th September

- 8:45am Early Service**  
Psalm 32, Ephesians 1:3-8  
Leader: *John* Preacher: *John*
- 10:30am Holy Communion**  
Romans 12:9-21; John 8 42-47  
Leader: *John* Preacher: *Mary*

### Sunday 19th September: St. Matthew's Day

- 8:45am Early Service**  
Psalm 119: 65-72, Matthew 9: 9-13  
Leader: *Mary* Preacher: *Mary*
- 10:30am Informal Service**  
Matthew 9: 9-13; Matthew 16: 13-19  
Leader: *Mary* Preacher: *John*

# Latest news on the Hall Extension

## Fundraising so far:

Up until Sunday 1st August these are the totals so far

Legacy received	£5000.00
Cash received	£1,500.50
Pledges	£1,950.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,450.50</b>

