

A large, decorated Christmas tree stands in front of a brick wall. The tree is adorned with red and gold tinsel, red and gold ornaments, and a large gold star on top. It is decorated with a red and gold garland. The tree is placed on a green base. The brick wall behind it has two small framed pictures. The text "Christmas Blessings" is overlaid in large white letters at the bottom.

Christmas Blessings

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

The angel said to the shepherds: 'Fear not; for behold—I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be the sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!'

Luke 2.10-14

Welcome, all wonders in one sight!

Eternity shut in a span;

Summer in winter; day in night;

Heaven in earth, and God in man.

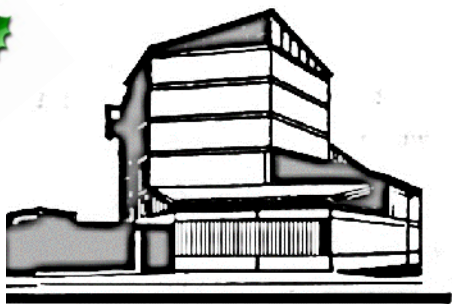
Great little one, whose all-embracing birth

Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heav'n to earth.

Richard Crashaw

THE VICAR WRITES ...He was probably born, not in a wooden stable, but in a cave where animals and people bedded down together, and placed in a straw-filled stone feeding-trough. Probably not in December. But what we celebrate, in these darkest days of the year, is the light of God coming to live, love, laugh, and suffer with us. If you've read this far, God may be speaking to you. How will you respond?

Happy Christmas from St Matthew's Perry Beeches



*Aldridge Road
Opposite James Watt College*

**Saturday 1st December,
11am Christmas Fayre**

Stalls, Santa, seasonal refreshments, and more ...

Sunday 16th December, 3-5pm: Christingles

Make your own Christingle, Christmas story, Carols

Sunday 23rd December,

6pm Traditional Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December

6pm Crib Service for all Ages

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Morning, Tuesday 25th December

10am Carols & Communion

Saturday 12th January 7pm

Skittles social evening - tickets from church

Sunday 20th January 6.30pm

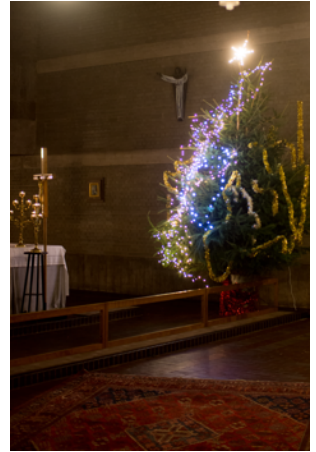
Christian Unity Songs of Praise





Our Sunday Service is at 10am every week. There are services almost every day. On our website you can see the schedule and all the latest news.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch to discuss Christenings, Marriages, Prayers for Healing, House Blessings, our Children's Programme, Faith Courses for Adults, Hall bookings (big hall and smaller rooms), or anything else you think we could help with.



ALL YEAR ROUND: FRIENDLY FRIDAY CAFÉ

Every Friday 11am – 2pm
(including holiday period)
Coffee, tea, snacks, chat



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Christenings, Marriages, Banns

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