29 January 2016

CIRCULAR EMAIL

Br Matthew from Taize will be in Perth from 3 to 5 March 2016

Brother Matthew was born in the north of England, but all his family live in Australia. He has been a member of the Taizé Community since 1986 and has travelled extensively in Russia, Sweden and the Baltic States as well as in Australia and New Zealand as part of Taizé’s Pilgrimage of Trust on Earth.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Greetings to those at the coalface of ministry with and to young adults, I wish you well in your ministries, particularly those beginning the new school year.

We have an exciting opportunity for those who wish to pursue it, Br Matthew from Taize will be here on Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 March 2016 for an impromptu visit. Usually, there is a year to prepare for such a visit; we have had 5 weeks. So, we need your help to get the word out, please.

The Taize community prioritises outreach to young people. If you have not heard of their ministry please go to [http://www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en)

On 3 March, Br Matthew will meet with returned young pilgrims from Perth who recently visited Taize, some went with The Anglican Archbishop of Perth, Roger Herft.

During 4 March Br Matthew will lead an ecumenical schools’ event at Sacred Heart school, Sorrento, facilitated by Chris Kan, their campus minister.

In the evening of 4 March he will lead a youth service on the roof of St George’s Anglican Grammar School in central Perth, facilitated by Anglican ordinand and youth minister Peter Hotchkin. As numbers are limited there, the target audience is students who have returned from school pilgrimages of any sort, and those who attend or prepare services in the style of Taize, from across Perth.
On 5 March, Br Matthew will host a day retreat for young adults 16-35 years of age. It would be lovely to see Chaplains and RE teachers on the day, more so, please encourage Yr. 11-12 students, confirmation candidates, and others who may be on a faith journey to attend. The venue is the Mount Pleasant Uniting Church.

The evening of 5 March at 7pm is an open service for all who wish to attend. This service will also be held at the Mount Pleasant Uniting Church and will be coordinated by Fr Chris Bedding.

Attached to this letter is a poster with the times, dates and venues for Br Matthew’s visit. I would encourage you to copy it and distribute it so that as many young people as possible have the opportunity to come together ecumenically to worship as God’s people.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda Sturrock 0409 767 212 who is one of the organisers. This is an opportunity to encourage young people who have been impacted by your own ministry, retreats, pilgrimages, school worship and discipleship. Hopefully, they will return energized to continue with you in the important work of searching for depth and meaning in Life and trusting Him who is at our source.

Your sincerely

Braden Short

The Venerable Braden Short
Administrator
The Anglican Diocese of Perth
Brother Matthew from Taizé will be in Perth 3-6 March 2016.

**Friday, March 4th**
- **9.30 - 11.00am**
  - **Venue:** Event for High School students.
  - **Venue:** Sacred Heart School, Sorrento.
  - **Contact:** Chris Kan. kan@sacredheart.wa.edu.au

**Friday, March 4th**
- **6.30pm**
  - **Venue:** Rooftop youth service by candlelight
  - **Venue:** St George’s Anglican Grammar School Perth.
  - **Contact:** Peter Hotchkin peter@hotchkin.com.au.
  - Target audience 18-35 year olds and returned pilgrims from school pilgrimages, coordinators of Taize worship from across Perth.

**Saturday, March 5th**
- **11am - 5pm**
  - **Venue:** Day Retreat at Mount Pleasant Uniting Church.
  - **Contact:** The Reverend Trevor Waters
trevor.waters@mp.unitingchurch.org.au
  - Or The Reverend David Lord dlord@stgeorges.wa.edu.au

**Saturday, March 5th**
- **7pm**
  - **Venue:** Prayer Service
  - **Venue:** Mount Pleasant Uniting Church
  - **Contact:** The Reverend Chris Bedding
    rector.darlington@live.com.au
  - **Further enquiries:** The Reverend David Lord
dlord@stgeorges.wa.edu.au or Amanda Sturrock
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Recommended for 15-35 year olds.