

Mathon Church Photographic Competition Rules, Terms and Conditions

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Competition comprises an Adult Competition open to photographers aged 18 and over, and a Young Competition open to photographers aged 17 and under.

The competition is organised by Mathon Church Parochial Church Council and aims to encourage entrants to explore and think creatively about the church and its place in the life of the village community.

Selected entries to the Competition may be displayed on the Mathon Church website and in the weekly Benefice eNews mailing in connection with the competition.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO THE COMPETITION

- Entries must be received before midnight on 31 July 2018 ('the Closing Date').
- The Adult Competition is open to anyone aged 18 or over on the Closing Date except individuals (and their partners and family) involved in its judging.
- The Young Competition is open to anyone under the aged of 18 on the Closing Date.
- Photographs entered must have been taken between 1 May 2018 and 31 July 2018
- Any entry found not to comply with the Rules may be disqualified and no refunds will be made in the event of disqualification. The decision of the judges and organisers on all matters relating to the Competition is final and binding. No negotiation will be considered.
- When visiting the church photographers are asked to respect it as a place of prayer and to act accordingly. Photography is not permitted during church services.

SUBMISSION

- Photographs can be entered by upload at www.mathonchurch.org.uk/competition (from 1 May 2018) or by sending a printed photograph with the entry form. Entry forms should be sent to:
Kevin Brewer, Fourwinds, Bosbury Road, Cradley, WR13 5LT.
- An entry fee is charged for each photograph entered at the following rate:
£2 per photograph up to ten entries and £1 per entry there after.
Cheques should be made payable to: Mathon Parochial Church Council
Entry fees should be send with the entry form.
- All money paid in entry fees will go to Mathon Church Funds

- Photographs may be entered into the following categories:
 - Mathon Church Architectural Profile (including interior and exterior views of church)
 - The Life of Mathon Church. (Showing the work and the role of the Church and what positive impact it has had on the local community. This can include related projects and general events the Church has run).
- Each entry must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party.
- The entrant must be the sole owner of the copyright in the entry(s) submitted into the Competition.
- Ownership of the copyright in any entry submitted to the Competition will remain with the copyright owner.
- From the point of entry, it is assumed images that contain identifiable people have had appropriate consent provided to the photographer/entrant. If your image is selected for short-listing, you will need to provide evidence of the consent if asked (for example, but not limited to, prior to the image being displayed on the Mathon Church Website).

IMAGE SPECIFICATIONS

- Digital files must be submitted as JPGs.
- No borders, watermarks or signatures should be included in the submitted image.
- Digital adjustments including tone and contrast, burning, dodging, cropping, sharpening, noise reduction, minor cleaning work, stitched panoramas, focus stacking and multiple exposure (HDR) taken at the same location at the same time (as a continuous sequence) are permitted, providing that they comply with the Competition's principles of authenticity so that they do not deceive the viewer or misrepresent the reality of nature.
- While digital adjustments are allowed, adding or removing objects, animals or parts of animals, plants, people, etc, is not.
- For digital images, metadata (EXIF) details should be kept intact (eg camera, lens, aperture etc).
- Printed submissions must be at least 105mm x 148mm and no larger than 148mm x 210mm.
- The exact height / width ratio of any photograph is not mandated.

JUDGING, AWARDS, PRIZES

- The competition will be judged by three judges led by Jack Versiani Holt (www.holtography.com). For each category the following awards will be given:
 - Highly Commended x2 (Young & Adult)
 - Second Place x2 (Young & Adult)
 - Category Winner x2 (Young & Adult)
- Winners will be announced after the morning service in Mathon Church on the third Sunday in August (2018). Winners will be notified by the organisers and a list of winners along with the winning photographs will be published on the Mathon Church Website and further publicised in other print and online media. By entering the Competition, the entrant grants to the organisers a non-exclusive, irrevocable licence to reproduce, publish, exhibit and communicate to the public, by any means and in all media any entry. This licence is granted only for use in relation to the Competition.
- Prizes will be awarded as follows (thanks to generous donation for the purpose of running this competition)
 - Category winners £40 each
 - Category second place £20 each
 - Category highly commended £10 each

LIABILITY

- The organisers regret that they cannot accept liability for any loss of or damage to any entry submitted into the Competition howsoever caused or for any other loss or damage as a result.
- The organisers regret that they cannot accept liability for the misuse of images by any third party.
- Printed submissions to the competition will not be returned to the entrant (although will be available for collection from Mathon church by arrangement for the period of one month after the results are announced).

DATA PROTECTION

- The personal data of entrants will be managed by the organisers in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998, GDPR and PECR where applicable.