



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

12 November 2017

*Remembrance Sunday
The third Sunday before Advent*

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone, and especially if you are new or visiting. Do please stay on for drinks and to meet people after the 9.30 and 11.15 services and keep this welcome sheet for your prayers this week.

Prayer

- with the Anglican Communion we pray for the diocese of Ughelli in Nigeria; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim, Jonathan and David
- for the Sisters of St Andrew in Lyon, among them Sister Katie Seal
- our mission giving: £50 for the Olive Branch, a Christian counselling service for people living in Winchester and the surrounding area
- all world leaders as they work together for a safe and secure world; for peace with justice, and a sustainable future
- communities, the natural environment and property that have been damaged by war; places where fighting leaves scars for many years
- individuals who continue to suffer following so many wars: the injured and disabled, the mentally distressed, the homeless, refugees, those who have lost their livelihood and security
- our armed forces, wherever they are serving; those who work at Worthy Down Camp and Winchester's Army Training Regiment at Flowerdown; Ben Stannard training to be an officer with the marines
- ex-service people, war widows and widowers; all who lost their lives in the two World Wars and in wars since then; parents who have lost their children, either in war or in other tragic circumstances
- the unwell: Jess, baby Matilda, Henry Gaster-Evans, Julia Jones, Laura Liepins, Emma and Mark Miller, Kate Morgan, Sally Owens, Michael Pain, Jean Reeder, Philip Scott, Ruth Scott and Alison Stafford. All awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including Peter Arnold; all who live with the pain of untimely death; God's comfort for their families and friends

Please feel free to put prayer requests on the board at the back of church or e-mail them to admin@stmatthewstpaul.org.
St Paul's Lady Chapel is set up for prayer, either alone or with one of the prayer ministry team, after the 9.30 parish communion service.

Services today, 12 November

8 am [BCP] Holy Communion

St Matthew's

Readings: p. 192



9.30 am Parish Communion with DIY crèche, Scramblers,
St Paul's children's activities, Destination and Transition, and
11 am Act of Remembrance

Order of service in white booklet

Choir 'For the Fallen' by Malcolm Archer

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3: 1–15

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

John 15: 11–17

'I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

**Offertory
hymn**

Eternal God, before whose face we stand,
Your earthly children, fashioned by your hand,
Hear and behold us, for to you alone
All hearts are open, all our longings known:
 So for our world and for ourselves we pray
 The gift of peace, O Lord, in this our day.

We come with grief, with thankfulness and pride,
To hold in honour those who served and died;
We bring our hurt, our loneliness and loss,
To him who hung forsaken on the cross;
 Who, for our peace, our pains and sorrow bore,
 And with the Father lives for evermore.

O Prince of peace, who gave for us your life,
Look down with pity on our sin and strife.
May this remembrance move our hearts to build
A peace enduring, and a hope fulfilled,
 When every flag of tyranny is furled
 And wars at last shall cease in all the world.

From earth's long tale of suffering here below
We pray the fragile flower of peace may grow,
Till cloud and darkness vanish from our skies
To see the Sun of Righteousness arise.
 When night is past and peace shall banish pain,
 All shall be well, in God's eternal reign.

Timothy Dudley-Smith, written on request for the Remembrance Sunday service
in Winchester Cathedral, November 1999

Choir

Russian Kontakion for the Dead
'The Lord's my Shepherd' by Stuart Townend

**Post
Communion**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

11 am Act of Remembrance and [BCP] Mattins
St Matthew's

Readings *Ecclesiastes 3: 1–15; John 15: 11–17*
See above

Advent carols by candlelight

St Matthew's, Sun 3 December, 6.30 pm, followed by drinks;
everyone welcome

Christingle service

St Paul's, Sun 10 December, 5 pm



Building for Life

Thank you very much for all the wonderful and generous pledges that we have received. There are two ways you can make your donation to the project:

- ***One-off gifts*** Please either make out your cheque to 'St Matthew's PCC' and leave it in an envelope in the yellow box at the back of church, or make a direct bank transfer into the *Building for Life* bank account (sort code 55-81-26, account number 94359024)
- ***Standing orders*** Standing order forms are available at the back of church: please take one, fill it in, send it to your bank and let Giles Tibbitts or Bill Lucas know that you have done this

If you have any questions or need any help please don't hesitate to contact Giles (Giles.Tibbitts@glory-global.com, 07471 215090) or Bill (buildingforlife@stmatthewstpaul.org).

*God our Father,
we give you thanks for all the blessings
you have shown your people in this city and this parish.
We seek your continued guidance
on our journey as pilgrim people.
We ask that through your Holy Spirit
you will bless our efforts
to embrace the Building for Life campaign.
Open our hearts and minds
as we take these next steps
and so enable us to continually grow
as a community of believers. Amen.*

Services next Sunday, 19 November

The second Sunday before Advent; the 23rd Sunday after Trinity

8 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Holy Communion <i>Readings: p. 194</i>
9.30 am St Paul's	Parish Communion <i>Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11; Matthew 25: 14–30 [p. 358]</i>
11.15 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Mattins <i>Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11; Matthew 25: 14–30 [p. 358]</i>
4 pm St Paul's	St Paul's @ 4 family service, 'The prodigal son'

The week ahead

Mon 13, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Parish rooms
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
7.30 pm	Friends' AGM	St Matthew's
Tues 14, 9 am	Property committee	Parish rooms
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7 pm	Parish Visitor training and social	St Paul's Hall
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 15, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
2.30 pm	<i>Beyond Ourselves</i> committee	Parish rooms
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Vestry
7.15 pm	Finance committee	Orchard End
Thurs 16, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
6.45 pm	Nightshelter AGM	St Peter's
Sat 18, 4.30 pm	Cello workshop performance	St Paul's

Diary dates

Wed 22, 7 pm	Western Church School governors	Western
Thurs 23, 2.30 pm	Friends of the Family AGM	Salvation Army
3 pm	St Matthew's planning group	St Matthew's
Tues 28, 2.30 pm	Mothers' Union Advent readings	St Barnabas'
7.45 pm	PCC meeting	Parish rooms
Thurs 30, 6 pm	Pre-school Christmas shopping event	St Paul's
December		
Sat 2	Advent Quiet Day	Romsey
Sun 3, 6.30 pm	Advent carol service	St Matthew's
Sat 9, 10 am	Children's Christmas workshop	St Paul's
Sun 10, 5 pm	Christingle service	St Paul's

Coming up

Nightshelter AGM and Supporters' Evening Join them at St Peter's Centre on Thurs 16 November from 6.45 pm for a free informal evening of films, special guest speakers and talks about homelessness and the impact of the shelter. There will be the chance to meet staff and residents. Homemade refreshments; no need to book.

Comfort me with apples A day of contemplative poetry at St Lawrence's for those of any faith, or none, who listen to the 'still small voice'. Sat 25 November, afternoon event 2–5 pm with lecture by Canon Mark Oakley and readings by Imtiaz Dharker and Michael Symmons Roberts; evening event 6–6.45 pm with reading by poet Wendy Cope. Tickets from www.winchesterpoetryfestival.org/comfort (afternoon £8, evening £9, combined £15).

Towards human flourishing Also on Sat 25 November, Winchester University's Institute for Theological Partnerships is hosting a special study day in partnership with Living Spirituality Connections and Spirit of Peace, from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm at West Downs. Contact Brenda.Sharp@winchester.ac.uk.

Advent Quiet Day at Wisdom House, Romsey, on Sat 2 December. The retreat leader, Roger Healey, is an experienced Licensed Lay Minister now working in St Faith's parish, Winchester, and he's also a Franciscan Tertiary. The theme this year is 'Waiting'. The cost for the day, including a light lunch, coffees and teas, is £25. Please sign up at the back of church.

Women's group Christmas supper Mon 4 December at the Roebuck, two courses for £20 or three courses for £23. Contact Julia Seal, julia.seal@ntlworld.com, 854849.

Children's Christmas workshop at St Paul's, Sat 9 December, 10 am–12 noon, making decorations for the church and Christmas cards, icing biscuits, songs, Christmas story and refreshments.

Christingle service St Paul's, Sun 10 December, 5 pm. This atmospheric service became popular in Britain in the late 1960s but originated in Germany in the 1700s. The orange represents the world, the candle Jesus, the red ribbon Christ's blood, and the sweets God's creation or the four seasons.



Notices

Christmas cards for sale at the back of church, or you can order and collect next week – three wonderful new designs painted by professional artist Milli McGregor, who worships with us at St Paul's and kindly donated the artwork. £3.50 for a pack of 8 with envelopes, raising funds for *Building for Life*.

Cake sale to support refugees Many thanks to the youth groups and all who contributed and helped with the cake sale last Sunday. The grand total raised was £169 – a great result!

Autumn Fayre Vera Edwards writes: 'We're very grateful to everyone who donated items, produce and cakes for the fayre, and a big thank you to all the helpers for setting up and running stalls. It was a super day, with lots of generous people supporting *Building for Life*. So far the total stands at £978 – a fantastic result.'

Community Day 2018 This is such a wonderful day for us and for the local community! We're seeking a volunteer to lead it, with support from office staff and experienced stallholders. Contact Peter Seal, 854849, peter@stmatthewstpaul.org.

O help! If you'd like to get involved on an *ad hoc* or occasional basis, why not join the 'O help!' e-mail circulation? E-mail requests will arrive when help is needed – it could be washing up, making a cake, painting, serving mulled wine at Christmas carols, etc. No obligation! Please contact Julia Seal, 854849 or, better still, julia.seal@ntlworld.com.

Specific items for refugee families Churches Together Winchester writes: 'We would like to source second-hand bicycles of all sizes, second-hand mobile phone handsets, a second-hand laptop/computer, an under-counter fridge, a winter coat for a 13-year-old girl and a ladies' coat approx. size 16 (preferably suitable for wet weather and longer length). Please contact refugees@ctwin.org.uk.

Trinity Centre Donations of men's and women's casual clothes, shoes and warm items appreciated; contact lucy@trinitywinchester.org.uk.

Nightshelter Please leave donations of black bin bags, tin foil, loo rolls, biscuits, tins of custard and squash in the box at the back of St Paul's.

Winchester women's refuge A safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Please help by giving towels and toiletries (but not clothes) and leave in the box at the back of St Paul's. Thank you.

Will Aid During November you can take part in a charity scheme called Will Aid: instead of paying a fee for writing a basic will or pair of basic mirror wills, you will be invited to make a voluntary donation. Further details at willaid.org.uk, or ring 0300 0300 013 (appointment numbers are limited).

Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Twirties group* for 20s and 30s, meeting monthly on Sunday evenings; please contact Katy Charles, twirtiesstpauls@gmail.com
- *Women's group* next meets on Mon 13 Nov, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; please contact Julia Seal, 854849, julia.seal@ntlworld.com
- *Men's group* next meets Wed 13 Dec, 8.30 pm, at the Roebuck for a drink and a chat; please contact Chris Sharp, 849186, chrisesharp@gmail.com
- *Daytime book group* next meets on Mon 4 Dec, 2.30 pm, at 18 Berewecke Avenue, studying *When bad things happen to good people* by Harold S. Kushner; contacts: Talia Hedstrom, 868728, or Christine Bennett, 852681
- *Tuesday homegroup* meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7.45–9.15 pm, to study the *Pilgrim* course; for further information please contact James Clay, 852141
- *Meditation group*, Tuesdays, 7.30 pm, in the parish rooms; all welcome
- *Thursday homegroup* meeting fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, studying *Jesus: the voice that makes us turn* from the York course; please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776

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Please send in any notices for the welcome sheet to ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday