



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

14 January 2018

The Baptism of Christ
The second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Church of Australia; 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: £750 for Church Mission Society, encouraging active mission around the world
- give thanks for the Baptism of Christ, sign and symbol of his total identification with us
- Eilidh McCabe and our youth assistant Aaron Burrows as they are baptised today; their families and godparents supporting them in their faith journey; all parents seeking baptism for their children in the coming months
- young people and adults considering confirmation this spring
- give thanks for Peter Symonds College, with some 4,000 students, praying for those who are finding life tough; pray for children, students and staff at Western Church School and the Westgate School
- Antony Feltham-King and the *Building for Life* steering group as they work through the Diocesan Advisory Committee's detailed response to our plans
- the unwell: Jess, Caroline Behan, Henry Gaster-Evans, the Johnson family, Julia Jones, Ollie Jones (age 7), Emma and Mark Miller, Kate Morgan, Sally Owens, Michael Pain, Jean Reeder, Ruth Scott, Alison Stafford and Grace Tapper (Eastacre). All awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including Molly Allnutt, John Dennis (St Matthew's), Margaret Petersen, Michael Pettit (Valerie Anderson's father), Martin Reid, John Tanner, Margaret Webb and Nicky White; 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, 14 January

8 am [BCP] Holy Communion

St Matthew's

Readings: p. 69



9.30 am Parish Communion with baptism of Eilidh McCabe and
St Paul's Aaron Burrows; DIY crèche, Scramblers, Climbers and Explorers

Order of service in blue booklet

Collect

God of salvation,
in the river Jordan you bathed your Son Jesus in glory
and revealed him as your obedient servant.
In spirit and in power
rend the heavens and come down to us.
Strengthen us to acknowledge your Christ,
that we who are reborn in his likeness
may walk with him the path of obedience.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

Song

I am a city on a hill
I am a light in the darkness
Jesus living in me can change the world
I am a city on a hill
I am a light in the darkness
Jesus living in me can change the world.

*Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine
Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine
If God is for me, who can stand against me?
Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine
If God is for me, who can stand against me?
Let my light shine, let my light shine, let my light shine.*

We are a city on a hill
We are a light in the darkness
Jesus living in us can change the world
We are a city on a hill
We are a light in the darkness
Jesus living in us can change the world.

*Let your light shine, let your light shine, let your light shine
Let it shine,
Let your light shine, let your light shine, let your light shine
If God is for us, who can stand against us?
Let your light shine, let your light shine, let your light shine
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Readings

Genesis 1: 1–5 [p. 418]

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1: 4–11 [p. 420]

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'.

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11.15 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Mattins

Readings

Genesis 1: 1–5; Mark 1: 4–11 [p. 418]

See above



Services next Sunday, 21 January

The third Sunday of Epiphany; [BCP] the third Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Holy Communion <i>Readings: p. 71</i>
9.30 am St Paul's	Parish Communion <i>Readings: Revelation 19: 6–10; John 2: 1–11 [p. 426]</i>
11.15 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Mattins <i>Readings: Revelation 19: 6–10; John 2: 1–11 [p. 426]</i>
4 pm St Paul's	St Paul's @ 4 family service, 'The lost sheep'
6.30 pm Cathedral	Unity service

A covenant prayer for the New Year

I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing;
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

(From the covenant service of the Methodist Church)

The week ahead

Mon 15, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Parish rooms
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
Tues 16, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
7.30 pm	Children's work team	Berewecke Ave
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 17, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
12.30–1 pm	Space in the City begins	United Church
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Vestry
7 pm	ITP Theology Group talk	University
7.15 pm	Finance committee	Orchard End
Thurs 18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
Sat 20, 10.30 am–3.30 pm	ITP Study Day	University

Diary dates

January

Tues 23, 9 am	Property committee	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 24, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	United Church
Thurs 25, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
Sat 27	Nightshelter Open Day	Nightshelter
Sun 28, 9.30 am	Conversion of St Paul, preacher Revd Howard Sharp	St Paul's
12.30 pm	Bring and share lunch	St Paul's
6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral
Wed 31, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	United Church

February

Thurs 1, 7 pm	Western Church School governors	Western
Sat 3, 9 am–4.30 pm	Musical workshop, <i>Joseph</i>	St Paul's
5 pm	Performance of <i>Joseph</i>	St Paul's
Wed 7, 2.30 pm	<i>Beyond Ourselves</i> committee	Parish rooms
Fri 9, 7.30 pm	Cinematic wine tasting	Sarum Road
Sun 11	Stewardship Sunday	
Wed 14	Ash Wednesday	
Mon 19, 7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
Thurs 22, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	Deanery Synod	tbc
Mon 26, 7.45 pm	PCC meeting	St Paul's

April

Sun 22, 9.30 am	Confirmation service	St Paul's
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Coming up



Delving deeper Two events this January at Winchester University's Institute for Theological Partnerships (contact joanna.wilson@winchester.ac.uk):

Wed 17 January, 7 pm, West Downs Room 9 June Boyce-Tillman, 'Religion-ful or religion-less? Spirituality in a post-secular age with particular reference to music'

Sat 20 January, 10.30 am–3.30 pm, King Alfred's Campus MB5 Study day hosted by Revd Dr Terry Biddington, 'Attending closely: growing a cosmology worthy of 13.9'

Space in the City The New Year series of talks, *Three Reflections*, will be given by the Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester Cathedral, at the United Church, Jewry Street, on Wednesdays 17, 24 and 31 January, 12.30–1 pm (no entrance charge). This week's talk is 'Behold! Finding ourselves in sacred space'.

Annual Christian Unity service The unity service will take place at Winchester Cathedral on Sun 21 January at 6.30 pm. This year's speaker is Bishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Bishop of London, who works extensively to build bridges and promote dialogue between churches, faiths and communities in the UK.

Nightshelter Open Day Sat 27 January – drop in and learn more about their work.

Recruiting street pastors for training in late February and March! Spend an evening as an observer on Sat 27 January to find out what it's all about. Contact Mark Hibbert-Hingston, 07740 288654, winchester@streetpastors.org.uk.

'Joseph' musical workshop at St Paul's on Sat 3 February, 9 am–4.30 pm, followed by a performance at 5 pm. Leader Bronwen Dixie of Chichester Stage School. Open to all children and young people, Year 1 upwards (no church links required). Singing and drama will be interspersed with activities and games. To take part, please contact Mary Copping, 07921 886016, youth@stmatthewstpaul.org.

Lights! Camera! Corkscrew! A cinematic wine-tasting on Fri 9 February, 7.30 pm, in aid of *Building for Life*. For tickets (£17.50) please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776, pheasants@picasey.me.uk.

Confirmation David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke, will lead a service of Confirmation at St Paul's on Sunday 22 April at 9.30 am. Mary Copping (07921 886016, youth@stmatthewstpaul.org) will be preparing young people who would like to make this public commitment to Christ, and please would any adults wishing to be confirmed contact Peter Seal (844878, peter@stmatthewstpaul.org).

Bring and share patronal festival lunch

Please come along to the lunch at St Paul's on Sunday 28 January, 12.45 for 1 pm – meet new friends and enjoy delicious food and a glass of wine. Do sign up at the back of church or speak to Julia Seal about what you'll bring: 854849, julia.seal@ntlworld.com.



Notices

Community Day, Sat 12 May 2018 This is a crucially important day in the life of our parish, especially in this important *Building for Life* year. We hope very soon to be able to announce the name of the leader who will head up the planning.

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal Julie Sharp, who organises the parish's Christian Aid collections, writes: 'We have collected a total of £1,932 (of which £1,659 was gifted) for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. The figures for 2016, 2015 and 2014 were £1,822, £1,452 and £1,301 respectively, so we have been increasing the amount year on year, which is fantastic!' The Nativity service raised £954 (£900 gifted) [2016: £708], the carol service £890 (£759 gifted) [2016: £808] and the animal nativity £88.

Vacancy for administration manager at Winchester Baptist Church, 20 hours/week, working as part of the staff team; for a full job description, contact churchsec@winbap.org.uk. Applications close Wed 31 January.

Lost property Please check through the lost property displayed in the south aisle. Anything still remaining at the end of January will be given to charity.

Coats4Calais Please donate winter coats for refugees living without proper shelter in northern France: 147 Greenhill Road, Winchester SO22 5DU, 01962 869292.



Nightshelter Please leave donations of black bin bags, washing powder, washing-up liquid, tea towels, instant coffee, squash and tins of custard in the box at the back of St Paul's.

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

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

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 Tues 13 February, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; please contact Julia Seal, 854849, julia.seal@ntlworld.com
- *Men's group* next meets Wed 14 Feb, 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 in Romsey on Mon 15 Jan for lunch and a visit to the Christian bookshop; 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* fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, next meeting for the Lent course; please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776

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Please make cheques payable to St Matthew's PCC – all gifts gratefully received

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