



**St Matthew with St Paul**  
*Pilgrims on a journey*

**11 February 2018**

*Stewardship Sunday;  
the Sunday next before Lent;  
[BCP] Quinquagesima*

## 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.

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## Prayer

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- with the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada; 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: £250 for the Leprosy Mission, working with those suffering from this terrible disease
- this Stewardship Sunday, for a joyful spirit of generosity in all that we give our parish, as an expression of our faith commitment
- give thanks for the gift of faith, praying for each other and all who long to believe
- preparing our hearts and minds for Lent, which begins this week; for Lent group facilitators/hosts
- St Valentine's Day, falling on Ash Wednesday, rejoicing in the gift of love; praying for all marriages and those in committed relationships; a blessing for all who long to love and be loved
- places where there is conflict, and where families are torn apart; for deep healing
- the work of Relate and all who help sustain marriage and long-term relationships
- St Paul's pre-school – for the ongoing care and education of very young children; for the staff, parents, committee and all who support them
- the unwell: Jess, Caroline Behan, Henry Gaster-Evans, 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 Josée McKee and Joyce Talbot; 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](mailto: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.

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## Services today, 11 February

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8 am [BCP] Holy Communion

St Matthew's

*Readings: p. 82*



9.30 am Parish Communion with DIY crèche, Scramblers, Climbers,  
St Paul's Explorers, Destination and Transition

Order of service in pale green booklet

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### Readings

#### ***2 Corinthians 4: 3–6 [p. 450]***

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

#### ***Mark 9: 2–9 [p. 450]***

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Post Communion** Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

11.15 am [BCP] Mattins  
St Matthew's

**Readings** *2 Corinthians 4: 3–6; Mark 9: 2–9 [p. 450]*  
*See above*

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## Ash Wednesday, 14 February

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11 am Holy Communion with Ashing  
St Matthew's

**"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."**

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV

7.30 pm Holy Communion with Ashing  
St Paul's



***Palm crosses*** Please leave crosses from last year at the back of church, or drop them in to the rectory by the end of tomorrow (Mon 12 February), ready for making new ash for this year's service on 14 February.

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## Services next Sunday, 18 February

*The first Sunday of Lent*

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8 am [BCP] Holy Communion  
St Matthew's *Readings: p. 86*

9.30 am Parish Communion  
St Paul's *Readings: Genesis 9: 8–17; Mark 1: 9–15 [p. 458]*

11.15 am [BCP] Mattins  
St Matthew's *Readings: Genesis 9: 8–17; Mark 1: 9–15 [p. 458]*

4 pm St Paul's @ 4 family service, 'The house on the rock'  
St Paul's

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## The week ahead

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Mon 12, 3 pm	Funeral of Josée McKee	St Matthew's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
Tues 13, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 14, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion and Ashing	St Matthew's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Vestry
7.30 pm	Holy Communion and Ashing	St Paul's
8.30 pm	Men's group	Roebuck Inn
Thurs 15	NO toddler group	

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## Diary dates

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### February

Mon 19, 7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
7.30 pm	Lent group starts (please sign up)	Springhill Cottage
Tues 20, 7.30 pm	Lent group starts (please sign up)	Wentworth Gr.
Wed 21, 9.30 am	Westgate Lower School Year 1 visit	St Paul's
10 am	Lent group starts (please sign up)	St Matthew's
8 pm	Lent group starts (please sign up)	Berewecke Ave
Thurs 22, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Vestry
7.30 pm	Deanery Synod	tbc
7.45 pm	Lent group starts (please sign up)	Pheasants Way
Sun 25, 6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral
Mon 26	Start of Fairtrade Fortnight	
7.45 pm	PCC meeting	St Paul's

### March

Fri 2, 9.30 am–noon	Launch of St Paul's Coffee Pot	Parish rooms
12.15 pm	World Day of Prayer service	Salvation Hall
Sat 3, noon	Baptism of Theo Larcombe	St Paul's
Wed 7, 7.15 pm	Finance committee	Orchard End
Fri 9, 10 am–1 pm	Mothering Sunday posy making	St Paul's
Sun 11, 9.30 am	Mothering Sunday with Western	St Paul's
Wed 14, 2.30 pm	Faith development group	Parish rooms
7 pm	Colonel van der Noot: Friends' talk	St Matthew's
8.30 pm	Men's group	Roebuck Inn
Sun 18, noon	Baptism of Noah Evetts	St Paul's
4 pm	St Paul's @ 4	St Paul's
Tues 20, 7 pm	Western Church School governors	Western
Sun 25	Palm Sunday, start of Holy Week	

### April

Sun 1	Easter Day	
Thurs 19, 6.30 pm	Start of local history talks, series 2	St Matthew's
Sun 22, 9.30 am	Confirmation service	St Paul's

## Lent 2018: the mysteries of the love of God

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation leading to the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter. These days give us an opportunity to focus on our faith: to consciously seek to place ourselves in God's nearer presence and ask the gift of going deeper into the mysteries of the love of God for each of us.



Wonderfully this year we have a choice of four evening study groups as well as the daytime course at St Matthew's. Please sign up at the back of church ... and prepare to be enriched.

- starting Mon 19 February, 7.30 pm, at Springhill Cottage, Stockbridge Road, leaders Julie and Chris Sharp: a Lent course based on Victor Hugo's epic *Les Misérables*, using some of the characters to explore the grace of God, alongside our fallen state and opportunities for redemption; and an opportunity to reassess what we can do with our lives, both for ourselves and for those around us
- starting Tues 20 February, 7.30 pm, at 8 Wentworth Grange, leaders Sheila and David Wilson: *The Mystery of Everything*, a Lent course by Hilary Brand that takes as its starting point the multi-award-winning film about Stephen Hawking, *The Theory of Everything*
- starting Wed 21 February, 10 am, at St Matthew's (various leaders): *York Course*
- starting Wed 21 February, 7.45 for 8 pm, ending 9.45 latest, at 21b Bereweke Avenue, leader Susie Richardson: *The Bible Course*, a contemporary overview of the books and characters in the world's bestseller, looking at how the Bible applies to our lives; suitable for those with no knowledge or lots
- starting Thurs 22 February, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, at Pheasants Way, Sarum Road, leaders Peter and Irene Casey: *Christ and the Chocolaterie*, a Lent course by Hilary Brand based on the film *Chocolat*; preceded by a screening of *Chocolat* on Thurs 15 February, 7.30 for 7.45 pm

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## Coming up

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***Fiddler on the Roof*** Please support Jonathan Eadie and Edmund Bissett, performing in Encore Youth Theatre's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Theatre Royal on 15–17 February. Tickets can be booked via the theatre box office or website.

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### ***Fairtrade Fortnight***

*Sat 24 February*, from 10 am, St Mary's, Twyford: Snowdrop Saturday  
*Tues 27 February*, 11 am–2.30 pm, Abbey House, Broadway: the mayor, Councillor David McLean, hosts tea, cake and guided tours; donations in aid of the mayor's charities

*Fri 2 March*, 8–11 am, Winchester University canteen: Fairtrade breakfast

*Sat 3 March*, 10 am–noon, St Mark's, Oliver's Battery: Big Brew, stalls and quiz

*Mon 5 March*, 7 pm, United Church: talk by the Palestinian Fairtrade importer Zaytoun about the challenges it faces, with Fairtrade nibbles and drinks

*Tues 6 March*, 9 am–2 pm, Lanterns School: Fairtrade cake sale

*Fri 9 March*, 8–11 am, Winchester University canteen: Fairtrade breakfast

*Sat 10 March*, 2.30–4 pm, St Peter's Pastoral Centre: hot drinks, cakes, Fairtrade stall



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***All God's creation is very good!*** You are invited to a World Day of Prayer service at Salvation Hall, Parchment Street, at 12.15 pm on Fri 2 March, followed by refreshments. This is a global, ecumenical movement of prayer and action for peace and justice, and for 2018 the theme has been chosen by Christians in Suriname.

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***'When I was a prison governor and how the prisons are today'*** Please book your tickets for a fascinating talk by Colonel Christopher van der Noot, who ran HMP Frankland in the 1980s and now worships at St Matthew's. This Friends event takes place on Wed 14 March at 7 pm, with drinks available from 6.30 pm. Tickets £12 (Friends £10) from Katy Palacio, 844878, [admin@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:admin@stmatthewstpaul.org).

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***Confirmation*** David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke, will lead a service of Confirmation at St Paul's on Sun 22 April at 9.30 am. Mary Copping (07921 886016, [youth@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:youth@stmatthewstpaul.org)) will soon be in contact about dates for preparation for young people who would like to make this public commitment to Christ. Please would any adults wishing to be confirmed contact Peter Seal (844878, [peter@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:peter@stmatthewstpaul.org)).

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## Notices

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**Stewardship – ‘prayers together’** Why not join the parish’s weekly prayer e-mail? Please speak to Kathleen Freeman or contact her on [klvfreeman@aol.com](mailto:klvfreeman@aol.com).

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**New PCC treasurer needed** from 30 April to succeed Stuart Dorward. This is an important and rewarding role, for someone with an accounting background, working as part of a supportive volunteer team. Please contact Stuart, 860772, [stuart.dorward@ntlworld.com](mailto:stuart.dorward@ntlworld.com), or Peter Seal to find out more.

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**Lent collecting boxes** This Lent we are collecting for Partners for Change Ethiopia (formerly St Matthew’s Children’s Fund). Please take a Lent box home and support this worthwhile charity if you are able to.

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**Joseph** Huge thanks to everyone who made this possible and such a success. Special thanks to Bronwen Dixie for leading the workshop with such skill and enthusiasm, to Mary Copping for co-ordinating, to Vera Edwards for costuming and to John Schulz for sound and light.

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**Community Day, Sat 12 May 2018** A small but perfectly formed committee met this week and agreed the theme ‘Children’s Stories’. There’ll be a Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, Little Red Riding Hood, Peter Pan and more. At this stage we’re seeking an unbridled outpouring of creative thinking – no holds barred! We particularly want ideas on how to engage the interest and support of our young people. All ideas, suggestions and offers of help should be sent to Julie Sharp on [juliemichaela@gmail.com](mailto:juliemichaela@gmail.com) or 07952 236887.

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**Accommodation for refugee university student** Would you consider giving a room in Winchester to a refugee university student? She is mature, quiet and studious, looking for a room big enough to sleep and work in, of necessity at very low cost. For further information please contact [lgsraslewes@gmail.com](mailto:lgsraslewes@gmail.com).

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

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**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.

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**Trinity Centre** Donations of men’s and women’s casual clothes, shoes and warm items appreciated; contact [lucy@trinitywinchester.org.uk](mailto:lucy@trinitywinchester.org.uk).

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:julia.seal@ntlworld.com)
- *Men's group* next meets Wed 14 February, 8.30 pm, at the Roebuck for a drink and a chat; please contact Chris Sharp, 849186, [chrisesharp@gmail.com](mailto:chrisesharp@gmail.com)
- *Tea with Friends* on the second Monday of the month, 2.30–4.30 pm; please contact Linda Russell-Smith, 853584, or Heather Riley, 862867
- *St Paul's Coffee Pot*, meeting on the first Friday of the month from 2 March, 9.30 am–noon in the parish rooms, for real coffee, homemade cakes and a chat (donations to *Building for Life*); children welcome
- *Daytime book group* next meets Mon 5 March, 2.30 pm at Elm Road; please contact Talia Hedstrom, 868728, or Christine Bennett, 852681
- *Meditation group*, Tuesdays, 7.30 pm, in the parish rooms; all welcome
- *Lent courses*: please see details on p. 5

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Please send in any notices for the welcome sheet to [ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org) by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday