



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

13 May 2018

*Ascension Sunday;
[BCP] Sunday after Ascension Day*

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 Anglican Centre in Rome and for the province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim, Jonathan and David
- for the Sisters of St Andrew in Lyons, among them Sister Katie Seal
- our mission giving: £500 for Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy, building friendships, listening and supporting others in their place of work; for Liz Russell, the chaplain we support
- give thanks for this wonderful feast of the Ascension of our Lord, when Christ was taken up into heaven, his earthly work complete and our humanity embraced in heaven
- Archbishop Justin's *Thy Kingdom Come* week of prayer leading up to Pentecost; that many people will drop in to St Matthew's and St Paul's to engage with the prayer stations at both churches, open for extended hours this week
- this Christian Aid Week, focusing on our global neighbours and the target of a full and poverty-free life for all; for the collectors from our churches
- give continued thanks for the Community Day yesterday: all who came, and those who gave time and energy to achieve such a wonderful day for so many
- refugees throughout the world, especially those who are very young, elderly or unwell; that they may receive kindness and help in their time of great need
- the unwell: Caroline Behan, Julia Jones, Emma and Mark Miller, Kate Morgan, Michael Pain and Jean Reeder. All awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including Sister Koi, from the Sisters of St Andrew; 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, 13 May

8 am [BCP] Holy Communion

St Matthew's

Readings: p. 146



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

Order of service in green booklet

Collect

God of power and might,
in the mystery of the Ascension
you have raised up and glorified your Son,
and exalted our humanity at your right hand.
Confirm the good news your Church proclaims,
so that when Christ returns in glory
all nations may be gathered into the kingdom,
where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Readings

Acts 1: 1–11 [p. 555]

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now'.

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Luke 24: 44–53 [p. 555]

Then Jesus said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled’. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Post
Communion**

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the blessed bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11.15 am
St Matthew’s

[BCP] Mattins

Readings

Acts 1: 1–11; Luke 24: 44–53 [p. 555]
See above

12 noon
St Paul’s

Baptism of Noah Evetts

6.30 pm
United Church

Christian Aid Week service

Services next Sunday, 20 May

Day of Pentecost; [BCP] Whitsunday

8 am
St Matthew’s

[BCP] Holy Communion
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9.30 am
St Paul’s

Parish Communion
Readings: Acts 2: 1–21; John 15: 26–27; 16: 4b–15 [p. 563]

11.15 am
St Matthew’s

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4 pm
St Paul’s

St Paul’s @ 4, ‘The Good Samaritan’

Love (III)

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd any thing.*

*A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?*

*Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.*

George Herbert (1593–1633)



The week ahead

Fri 11–Sat 19	Novena of prayer	Both churches
Sun 13–Sat 19	Christian Aid Week	
Mon 14, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
Tues 15, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 16, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
12.30–1 pm	<i>Space in the City</i> talk by Peter Seal	St Lawrence's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel
7.45 pm	PCC meeting	Parish rooms
Thurs 17, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
Fri 18, 9–11 am	Big Brekkie for Christian Aid	Christ Church
Sat 19, 8.30–11 am	Big Brekkie for Christian Aid	United Church
Sat 19, noon	Royal Wedding screening	Cathedral
7.30 pm	An evening with Ian Partridge	St Paul's

Diary dates

May

Mon 21, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	'Let's talk theology!' discussion	St Paul's
Tues 22, noon	Thanksgiving for life of Barry Jackson	St Paul's
Wed 23, 12.30–1 pm	<i>Space in the City</i> talk	St Lawrence's
Thurs 24, 6.30 pm	History of Weeke talk	St Matthew's

June

Sat 2	Friends' coach trip to Stonehenge	
Sun 3, noon	Baptism of Hettie Scott	St Paul's
Wed 6, 7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
Fri 8, 9.30 am–noon	St Paul's Coffee Pot	St Paul's
Sun 10, 9.30 am	Baptism of Hugh Hadley	St Paul's
noon	Baptism of Phoebe Pritchett-Brown	St Paul's
Mon 11, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	
7.30 pm	Deanery event on children's ministry	All Saints'
Fri 15, 7.30 pm	Pre-school chili night	St Paul's
Sun 17	Mary Copping <i>Race for Life</i>	
4 pm	St Paul's @ 4	St Paul's
Thurs 21, 6.30 pm	City centre chaplaincy soirée	Ashley Gables
Tues 26, 7 pm	Alister McGrath, 'Trinity' talk	Wessex Centre
Wed 27, 6.30 pm	Deanery Synod	St Cross
Sat 30, 7.30 pm	Winchester Chamber Orchestra concert	St Paul's

Coming up

Space in the City – Holy Places Peter Seal speaks about Taizé this week in the series of Wednesday lunchtime talks at St Lawrence's, 12.30–1 pm; free entry, donations welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come novena of prayer, 11–19 May –a global prayer movement, inviting Christians around the world to pray during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year there is a focus on the Lord's Prayer and 'Come Holy Spirit'. Our two churches will be open – St Paul's 9.30 am–9 pm, St Matthew's 10 am–8 pm – with aids to prayer. This is a chance to be receptive to God and to bring to him our needs and the needs of the world.

Christian Aid Week, 13–19 May Charlotte Scott of Christian Aid will be speaking at the commissioning service at the United Church today at 6.30 pm. Three churches are hosting Big Brekkies. The Big Bike to Brekkie at the cathedral on Sat 12 May, 9–11.30 am, appeals particularly to cyclists, who get a free breakfast. The others are on Fri 18 May, 9–11 am in the Simeon Room at Christchurch (to book, contact Heather Watson, 870125) and Sat 19 May, 8.30–11 am at the United Church (just turn up). There will be a High Street collection on Thurs 17 May; if you could spare an hour to help, please contact Rosemary Dunhill, 869007.

An evening with Ian Partridge The internationally acclaimed tenor will be interviewed at St Paul's on Sat 19 May, 7.30–9 pm, at an event organised by the Elgar Society and the Centre for British and Russian Art and Culture. Tickets £12/£10 available on the door, proceeds to be shared with *Building for Life*.

Let's talk theology! Peter Seal invites you to join him at St Paul's on Mon 21 May, 7.30 pm, for an informal discussion based on the booklet *Brother Roger, Founder of Taizé*. Copies available from the parish office.

History talk at St Matthew's Barrie Brinkman, 'Further insights into the history of Weeke' (following his introductory talk in the 2017 series). Thurs 24 May, 6.30 pm, followed by a glass of wine, finishing by 8 pm. Free admission, with a retiring collection.

Stonehenge coach trip Friends outing to Stonehenge and its new state-of-the-art visitor centre, Sat 2 June, 9.30 am. Tickets £35/£33, or £15 for card-carrying members of English Heritage/National Trust. Book your place at the parish office, admin@stmatthewstpaul.org, 844878, by Mon 21 May.

Notices

Ordinand on placement Sam Scott from St Barnabas' parish, who is training for the ordained ministry, will be with us on placement from 15 to 27 May. He would be really interested to meet lots of us to chat about what church means for us.

A good moment to join a homegroup Friendly fortnightly group seeks new faces! Tuesday homegroup is about to start studying the seventh book in the *Pilgrim* course, about the Bible, and would welcome three or four new faces. If you prefer Thursday meetings and would like to learn more about the Eucharist, new members would also be appreciated at the Caseys'. Contact details on back page.

Thank you and welcome! Grateful thanks for years of service to those who stepped down at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings: Sue Walker (churchwarden, St Paul's), Mike Russell-Smith (churchwarden, St Matthew's), Stuart Dorward (treasurer) and PCC members Gary Ruffell and Andy Kettlewell. A warm welcome to Christopher Seaman (churchwarden, St Paul's), Amanda Berridge (treasurer) and PCC members Anne Odling and Linda Russell-Smith. There is a vacancy for one churchwarden at St Matthew's.

Plastic bottle tops Help reduce plastic waste and raise money for a local charity – Friends of Lanterns, supporting the nursery school on Bereweke Road.



Please put washed plastic tops in the crate at the back of St Paul's. They must be type 2 or 4, as marked within the recycling triangle.



Friends of the Family This local charity is recruiting now for new volunteers who would like to start befriending a child in Winchester this summer. The charity's 5s to 13s Befriending Service will be running its next two-day training course in June. Men and women over the age of 23 who enjoy spending time with children and would like to make a positive difference to a child's life are encouraged to contact 864466 or volunteer@fotfwinchester.org for an application pack.

Nightshelter Please leave donations of black bin bags, instant coffee, granulated sugar, tinned custard, tinned peas, metal scourers and toilet cleaner 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 in the box at the back of church.

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 Mon 14 May, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; please contact Julia Seal, 854849, julia.seal@ntlworld.com
- *Men's group* next meets Wed 13 June, 8.30 pm, at the Roebuck for a drink and a chat; please contact Chris Sharp, 849186, 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* next meets Fri 8 June, 9.30 am–noon in St Paul's, for real coffee, homemade cakes and a chat (donations to *Building for Life*); children welcome
- *Daytime book group* meets monthly, 2.30 pm; please contact Talia Hedstrom, 868728, or Christine Bennett, 852681
- *Meditation group* meets on Tuesdays, 7.30 pm in the parish rooms – come as you are and rest in God's presence
- *Tuesday homegroup* meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7.45–9.15 pm; for further information please contact James Clay, 852141
- *Thursday homegroup* meets fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm; 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