



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 Episcopal Church in America; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim, Jonathan and David
- for the Sisters of St Andrew in Lyon, among them Sister Katie Seal
- for unity in the worldwide church; for ongoing respect between different denominations, and between those of different faiths
- our mission giving: £350 for WaterHarvest (formerly Wells for India), working on water-related projects in Rajasthan, India
- for all affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia, especially those grieving or injured; for rescue, relief and reconstruction work
- giving thanks for the new series of Space in the City talks on war and peace; remembering all those who devote their lives to working for peace
- all who have been abused by others in any way, especially children
- those in deep distress whose children have gone missing, or who have lost loved ones in terrible circumstances
- young and single parents with little money; all who support and care for them
- those on the Men's Weekend, including Peter, at Hilfield Friary, nr Cerne Abbas
- the unwell: Caroline Behan, Malcolm Cuninghame, Judy Golding, Joy Hart, Andrew James, Julia Jones, Laura Liepins, Anna McKenzie (age 11), Emma and Mark Miller, Kate Morgan, Jean Reeder, Les Scott and Jane Seal (Peter's mother). All awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including Michael Broad, Barbara Clark, Alma Hawes and Mike Thomas; all who live with 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, 7 October

8 am
St Paul's

[BCP] Holy Communion

Readings: p. 187



9.30 am
St Paul's

Parish Communion with DIY crèche, Scramblers,
Climbers, Explorers, Destination and Transition

Order of service in pale green booklet

Collect

Creator God,
in Christ you call man and woman
to the fullness of glory
for which you created them in your image.
Heal our hardened hearts,
renew our obedience to your spoken will,
and conform our lives to your gracious design.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 2: 18–24 [p. 688]

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner'. So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken'.

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Mark 10: 2–16 [p. 689]

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father

and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Post
Communion**

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

11.15 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Holy Communion

Readings

Genesis 2: 18–24; Mark 10: 2–16 [p. 688]
See above

Services next Sunday, 14 October

The 20th Sunday after Trinity; Prisons Week

8 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Holy Communion
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9.30 am
St Paul's

Parish Communion
Readings: Hebrews 4: 12–16; Mark 10: 17–31 [p. 694]

11.15 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Mattins
Readings: Hebrews 4: 12–16; Mark 10: 17–31 [p. 694]

The week ahead

Mon 8, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel
7 pm	Western Church School governors	Western
7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
Tues 9, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 10, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	United Church
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Lady Chapel
8.30 pm	Men's group	Roebuck Inn
Thurs 11	Magazine deadline	
9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
7–8.30 pm	<i>The Annunciation: A Pilgrim's Quest</i> – Mark Byford & Debbie Thrower	Wessex Centre
Fri 12, 9.30 am–noon	St Paul's Coffee Pot	St Paul's
Sat 13–Sat 20	Winchester & District Green Week	

Diary dates

October

Sun 14, 6.30 pm	Winchester Camerata concert	St Paul's
Mon 15, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Parish rooms
7 pm	Alister McGrath lecture: Incarnation	Cathedral
7.45 pm	PCC meeting	Parish rooms
Tues 16, 7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
Wed 17, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City, Christopher Seaman	United Church
7.30 pm	Deanery Synod	tbc
Sat 20, 6 for 6.30 pm	St Matthew's Supper	St Paul's Hall
Sun 21, 9.30 am	Laying on of hands with prayer	St Paul's
4 pm	St Paul's @ 4, 'Joseph's amazing coat'	St Paul's
Tues 23, 2.15 pm	Puzzlers' club	St Matthew's
Wed 24, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	United Church
Sun 28	Bible Sunday	
6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral
Mon 29, 9 am	Property committee	Parish rooms
Wed 31, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City	United Church

November

Sat 3, 3 pm	Wedding of Joanne Bishop and Robin Williams	St Paul's
Sun 4, 9.30 & 11.15 am	All Saints'	Both churches
3.30 pm	All Souls' – special service to remember loved ones who died in years past	St Paul's

Coming up

Space in the City *Remembering War, Making Peace* is the title of this autumn's series of Wednesday lunchtime talks at the United Church. In this week's 'space', on 10 October, 12.30–1 pm, Mike Gowlett's theme is: 'What ho, Giotto! Stanley Spencer at Sandham Memorial Chapel'. Next week our churchwarden Christopher Seaman will speak on 'War-torn musicians'.

Faith journey talk The first Winchester University Theology Group meeting of the academic year is on Wed 10 October, 6.30 for 7 pm, at West Downs. Sister Marie McNeice will give a presentation entitled, 'A faith journey through and beyond "The Troubles"' (contact joanna.wilson@winchester.ac.uk).

The Annunciation: A Pilgrim's Quest Mark Byford, former Deputy Director General at the BBC, in conversation with Debbie Thrower about his recent book, at the Wessex Centre on Thurs 11 October, 7–8.30 pm. Find out what he learned during a three-year, 30,000-mile devotional journey to search for the spiritual meaning of St Luke's story of the Annunciation. Tickets (£5) from Winchester Cathedral box office.

Epiphanies You are invited to a meditative poetic evening at St Lawrence's on Thurs 11 October, 7.30–9 pm, with Chris Mann, Emeritus Professor of Poetry at Rhodes University (free, but preferably book via office@threesaints.org.uk, 849434).



Christian Aid murder mystery evening The Geriactors and Winchester & District Christian Aid Committee are hosting another 'Whodunnit?' at Twyford Village Hall on Fri 12 October, 7 for 7.30 pm. Tickets £15 to include coffee, tea and after-dinner mints. Bring a hamper, torch and your best detective mind! This year the EU will be match-funding all monies raised by a ratio of 4:1. Tickets/information from Julie Sharp, 07952 236887, juliemichaela@gmail.com.

Winchester Camerata concert at St Paul's, Sun 14 October, 6.30 pm, leader David Blunt. Programme entirely by women composers, including Clara Schumann, Lili Boulanger and Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre. Tickets £12.50 (students £5) from Louise Woods, 732487, woods@john-lewis.com, or on the door.

'Looking after your voice' workshop This practical session, designed to impart techniques for managing vocal health, particularly for mature voices, will be led by Hilary Llystyn Jones, an Associate of the Royal School of Church Music who trains many cathedral choristers. At St Boniface's, Chandlers Ford, on Sat 20 October, 2–5 pm, £8 (for members – this parish is affiliated), £4 (under-18s). Contact Brigid Parkin, rscmwinchester@gmail.com, 07593 688599.

Puzzlers' club The next informal all-age gathering of the Puzzlers' Club will be in half-term on Tues 23 October, 2.15 pm. Teams are challenged to complete a 500-

piece jigsaw in two hours. Refreshments are provided. Please contact Gary Ruffell, 881513, to join in.

Gender violence and religion Yvonne Carter from the Southern Domestic Abuse Service will be the first speaker at an Institute for Theological Partnerships series of talks on the role of religion in gender violence. West Downs, Wed 24 October, 6 for 6.30 pm; contact joanna.wilson@winchester.ac.uk.

Notices

Indonesia tsunami appeal More than 1.5 million people have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia, which have killed at least 1,350 people and left an estimated 48,000 displaced. If you would like to help Christian Aid meet immediate, life-threatening needs, please donate to the DEC appeal via <https://tinyurl.com/y8s282nk>.

New homegroup just started at the Richardsons' on Wednesday evenings, studying Romans, the book of the Bible often argued to be the most life-changing. Further members welcome! Please let Susie know on 07813 641646 if you'd like to come.

Citizenship petition An estimated 120,000 children in the UK have neither British citizenship nor immigration leave to enter or remain. However, the current fee of £1,012 per child to register is preventing many from exercising their right to British citizenship. Julia Stolle, a member of St Paul's, has set up a petition to the prime minister and invites you to sign, at tiny.cc/fa75yy. Thank you.

Uganda trip At the end of October Mollie Stannard is travelling to Kampala, Uganda, to work as a volunteer for four weeks at Wakisa Ministry, a Christian pregnancy crisis charity. She would like to fill a suitcase with light essential items that are difficult to come by or expensive in Uganda. This includes pens, pencils (coloured and lead), exercise books, needles and thread, fabric nappies and cotton wool. There is a box at the back of St Paul's for donations.

Women's weekend? Ladies, would you be interested in attending a two-day, minimally led retreat over a weekend sometime in 2019? If this appeals to you, please register your interest with Liz Stannard on 855871 or liz@thestannards.co.uk before the end of November. Thank you.

St Paul's autumn fayre, in aid of *Building for Life*, will be on Sat 10 November, 10.30–12.30. We're now collecting books, bric-à-brac and toys. Please leave them in the porch at 4 Berewecke Close or at the back of St Paul's. Any enquiries, offers of help, to Vera Edwards, 867242, veraedwards@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

Plastic bottle tops – we've filled a second crate! Help reduce plastic waste and raise money for Lanterns, the nursery school on Bereweke Road. Please put washed type 2 or 4 plastic tops in the crate at the back of St Paul's.



Volunteering opportunities

Leader for Community Day 2019 Please consider whether you might be the person to mastermind this wonderful event, so valued by the community. It's a team leader role with plenty of back-up! Julie Sharp, who did such a good job last year, is happy to chat (07952 236887, juliemichaela@gmail.com), or do speak to Peter or Mary.

Welcome team Could you help in welcoming people to the 9.30 service? – such an important role – or making coffee/tea for after-service hospitality? Please speak to Chris Sharp, 849186, or Chris Seaman, 849192.

Drivers If you come to church by car and have space, might you offer a lift to people who otherwise can't come? You would be on a rota and called on roughly once a month. Please contact Maggie Brecknell, 856552, brecknell1@uwclub.net.

Building for Life

A message from Peter Seal: We're making good progress! I keep reminding myself that we are involved in a big and complex, as well as costly, project; so it's not surprising that it's taking quite some time. By way of reminder: our aim is to create a building at St Paul's that has everything needed for both the worshipping congregation and the wider community.

- Another grant success! This week we heard Allchurches Trust is giving £8,500 to the project, and we're most grateful. This comes on top of last week's pledge of £15,000 from the Congregational & General Charitable Trust.
- Our fund-raising now stands at £594,350 of the £850,000 on our yellow-brick road. That is: money already received or pledged, plus Gift Aid, plus any grants we know we will be receiving. This is a truly remarkable sum.
- Your fund-raising team, so ably led by Bill Lucas, continues to work consistently and very hard. Please pray for those giving their efforts to this, and that we will soon have more successes!
- Alongside this, detailed cash flow analysis is taking place, with a careful eye to risks we need to anticipate. The current hoped-for start date is summer 2019.
- Knowing that St Paul's will not be usable during the building work (10–12 months), we plan to hold the 9.30 Parish Communion in the hall at Western, our church school, where there's space for our really important Sunday School.

Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Women's group* next meets Tues 16 October, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; please contact Julia Seal, 854849, julia.seal@ntlworld.com
- *Men's group* next meets Wed 10 October, 8.30 pm, at the Roebuck for a drink and a chat; please contact Chris Sharp, chrissharp@gmail.com
- *Tea with Friends* runs 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 12 October, 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* next meets Mon 5 November, 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; please contact James Clay, 852141
- *Wednesday homegroup* meets weekly, 7.45 pm, studying the book of Romans; please contact Susie Richardson, 07813 641646
- *Thursday homegroup* meets fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, this term studying *A Beautiful Friendship*, based on the film *Casablanca*; 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