



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

**8 September 2019**  
*The 12th Sunday after Trinity*

## 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 Episcopal Church of Sudan; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim, David and Debbie
- our mission giving: £350 for WaterHarvest (formerly Wells for India), working on water-related projects in Rajasthan, India
- for the Rohingya refugees in camps along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border; for the political will to find solutions
- our government and all responsible for the Brexit process; those worried, distressed or dismayed by the behaviour of our politicians
- staff and children at St Paul's Pre-school; for those attending for the first time
- Western, our church school, as the children settle in to their new classes; children in Reception and their parents, as they adjust to school life
- all those leaving home to go to university over the next few weeks
- our women's group, toddler group and St Paul's Coffee Pot, all meeting this week
- our preparations to celebrate a Green Communion at 9.30 and 11.15 next Sunday
- give thanks for members of our PCC who voted unanimously on Monday to sign a contract for our building project; pray ongoing guidance especially as together we prepare to move to Western School
- the unwell: Caroline Behan, William Cole, Nan Deedes, Vera Edwards, Jan Gwynne Howell, Andrew James, Julia Jones, Laura Liepins, Kate Morgan, Jane Seal, Nicki Smith, Brett Tribe and Vera Willnecker
- those who have died recently, including Judy Golding; all who live with the pain of untimely death; God's comfort for their families and friends and all who remember loved ones

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, 8 September

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8 am [BCP] Holy Communion

St Matthew's

*Readings: p. 175*



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

Order of service in green booklet

**Storyteller** Magnus McCabe

**Song**



I am a city on a hill  
I am a light in the darkness  
Jesus living in me can change the world. *(repeat 3 lines)*

*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. *(repeat 3 lines)*

*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  
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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**Collect**

God of the ages,  
you call the Church to keep watch in the world  
and to discern the signs of the times.  
Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows,  
that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word  
and complete the work that you have set before us.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Amen.

**Readings*****Philemon 1–21 [p. 1033]***

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister,  
to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God  
because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith  
towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may  
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do  
for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement  
from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been  
refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command  
you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis  
of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a  
prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child,  
Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.  
Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both  
to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to  
you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service  
to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I  
preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your  
good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps  
this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that  
you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as  
more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how  
much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would  
welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you  
anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with  
my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me  
even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from  
you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your  
obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even  
more than I say.

**Luke 14: 25–33 [p. 1034]**

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish”. Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**Post  
Communion**

God of all mercy,  
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

11.15 am  
St Matthew’s

[BCP] Mattins

**Readings**

***Philemon 1–21; Luke 14: 25–33 [p. 1033]***  
*See above*

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**Services next Sunday, 15 September**

*The 13th Sunday after Trinity; Green Communion*

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8 am  
St Matthew’s

[BCP] Holy Communion  
*Readings: p. 177*

9.30 am  
St Paul’s

Parish Communion  
*Readings: Psalm 147: 1–11; Luke 12: 22–31 [p.438]*

11.15 am  
St Matthew’s

[BCP] Mattins  
*Readings: Genesis 1: 1–25; Luke 12: 22–31 [p. 873]*

3.30 pm  
Cathedral

Installation of Canon Andy Trenier as Canon Precentor

4 pm  
St Paul’s

St Paul’s @ 4, ‘Noah and the Ark’

## ***Building for Life news***

On Monday all members of the PCC voted unanimously to sign a contract enabling the *Building for Life* project at St Paul's to go ahead. There are some contract details to finalise and updated permission to receive. It is probable that our last Sunday in St Paul's will be our celebration of Harvest on 6 October. Your churchwardens Chris Sharp, Christopher Seaman and Alexa Heady with Peter are making plans to enable this transition to be as smooth as possible. The Question and Answer sheet is worth reading again! If you have further questions or concerns, do please ask. Please pray for the coming weeks and our sensitive care of one another as we prepare to hand over St Paul's to the builders.

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## **The week ahead**

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Mon 9, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	St Paul's
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
Tues 10, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	St Paul's
5.15 pm	<i>BfL</i> project assessment team	St Paul's
7 pm	Governor training	Western School
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 11, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
3.30 pm	<i>Beyond Ourselves</i> committee	Parish rooms
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	St Paul's
7.30 pm	Music committee	Vestry
Thurs 12	Deadline for magazine articles	
9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group restarts	Parish rooms
Fri 13, 10 am–noon	Coffee Pot pop-up café	St Paul's
Sat 14, 8 am	Peter Seal's Clarendon Way walk	Cathedral
10 am–6 pm	Ride + Stride	Both churches
noon	Wedding of Lulu Galvin and Tom Foyle	St Cross

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## **Diary dates**

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### **September**

Mon 16, 2 pm	Wheeler Jones Trust	St Barnabas'
3 pm	St Matthew's planning group	St Matthew's
Thurs 19, 6.30 pm	Open evening	Cathedral
Sun 22, 11.30–1.30 pm	Teddy Bears' Picnic	Outside rooms
noon	Baptism of Jude Maspero, Agnes and Beatrix Redfern	St Paul's
Tues 24, 2.30 pm	Mothers' Union AGM and bring & buy	St Barnabas'
Wed 25, 7.30 pm	Deanery Synod, 'Caring for creation'	All Saints'
Sun 29, 6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral

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## Coming up

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**Malawi presentation** Today Bryony Lucas is giving a presentation to the children and young people in the hall about her trip to Malawi, where she helped at a school and attended the local church.

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**Clarendon Way walk, Sat 14 September** Peter Seal's 24-mile hike is this coming weekend! Sign up to walk all or part of the way ... and please sponsor Peter in aid of *Building for Life* – forms are at the back of church.



**Ride + Stride** Also on Sat 14 September, 10 am–6 pm, thousands of people will cycle, walk, run or drive to raise money for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight's historic churches and chapels. Our parish has been the very grateful recipient of funds raised in this way, with a generous pledge for *Building for Life* at St Paul's, and before that supporting the new toilet extension at St Matthew's.

*Volunteers will be welcoming Ride + Striders at both churches on 14 September. We still need some more welcomers; sign-up sheets are at the back of church. Any queries to Heather Ellis, 07933 477213, heather.ellis933@outlook.com.*

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**Green Communion** The Church of England joins with all Christians in celebrating the period of Creationtide, which runs 1 September–4 October. This year's theme is 'Web of diversity'. On Sun 15 September we will be holding a Green Communion at both churches in the parish, to celebrate and pray together for God's creation, and to deepen our commitment to protecting it.

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**Cathedral open evening** On Thurs 19 September, Winchester Cathedral will open its doors to the public and invite them in to meet the staff and volunteers who work in every aspect of the day-to-day running of the cathedral, from the stone masons and flower arrangers to the 'holy dusters' and bell ringers. This special opportunity to explore the cathedral by night will also include guided tours and tower tours. Visitors are encouraged to come to Evensong at 5.30 pm; the doors will officially open at 6.30 following Evensong. This event is completely free, and all are welcome.

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**Teddy Bears' Picnic** Following the 9.30 service on Sun 22 September we're holding a Teddy Bears' Picnic as we welcome families with young children who have a connection with St Paul's – through baptism, the Thursday toddler group, Pre-school or in any other way. Do bring your teddy and come along for games, craft activities and a picnic lunch!



**Friends' Kew Gardens day trip** On Tues 1 October there will be an all-day visit to Kew Gardens in the splendour of their autumn colours. Meet on the platform of Winchester Station to catch the 8.55 train. We will walk across Westminster Bridge and take the 11 am boat (90 minutes, with an entertaining commentary). After lunch we shall wander at will around the gardens before making our way home independently on one of the afternoon boats, which run at 3.30, 4.30 and 5.30.

**Women's weekend, 1–3 November** The weekend was fully subscribed, but a space has now arisen on this 'first' parish women's weekend – would you be interested in going? It's at Stanton St John, near Oxford, runs from Friday 4 pm until after lunch on Sunday, and the cost is £155 (payable by 20 September). Please contact Norma Goodwin, 07789 156457, [norma.goodwin@btinternet.com](mailto:norma.goodwin@btinternet.com).

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## Notices

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**Worship at Western** We are looking for willing volunteers, please. There will be a significant amount of preparation/clearing up to do each week. What we really need is someone to take responsibility for overseeing this and then developing a rota of teams of people for Sundays. If you can help, please speak to Peter or one of the churchwardens or sign up at the back of church. Thank you.

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**Building for Life and storage** One person has very kindly offered the use of her empty garage, which will be really helpful. Do you have an empty garage or something similar you could lend for storage during the building project?

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**Foundation Governor needed for Western** St Paul's has a long history with Western Church of England Primary School, and our links go deeply into its very governance. Western has three Foundation Governor positions, one of which has recently become vacant. The other two Foundation Governors are Peter, in his position as rector of the parish, and Vicki Tibbitts. Peter and Vicki are keen to fill the other space on the governing body with someone already linked to St Matthew with St Paul. *Could that person be you?*

We are not currently seeking a specific skillset for this role, although any experience in education would be beneficial. There are plenty of training opportunities to support governors along their way. The governing body's preference is that it would be someone who is not a parent of a pupil currently at the school. Time commitment is a minimum of two evening meetings per half term plus some time visiting the school each term. Please talk to Peter or Vicki ([tibbitts@cantab.net](mailto:tibbitts@cantab.net)) if this may be something you're interested in.

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**Legacies** When you open this month's welcome sheets and magazine, you should find enclosed a copy of the parish legacy leaflet. As members of the congregation and as part of our stewardship, we make regular offerings that go towards supporting the parish in all that it does. However, when we are no longer here it is possible for this support to continue – by leaving a legacy in our Wills. The legacy leaflet gives further guidance on how this can be achieved and the way in which monies may be used. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Tim Stannard, Legacy Officer, in confidence: 855871, [tim@thestannards.co.uk](mailto:tim@thestannards.co.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 in the box at the back of church.

## Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Toddler group* (0–3 years) runs on term-time Thursdays, 9.30–11.30 am in the parish rooms: play, craft, singing, stories and snacks
- *Women's group* next meets Mon 9 September, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; contact Ursula Payne, 844878, [ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org)
- *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* pop-up café next meets Fri 13 September, 10 am–noon in St Paul's, for real coffee, homemade cakes and a chat; children welcome
- *Daytime book group* next meets Mon 7 October, 2–4 pm in Teg Down Meads; please contact Christine Bennett, 852681
- *Meditation group* meets on Tuesdays, 7.30–8.30 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 discussion group* Six sessions in October and November at the Richardsons', 7.30–9 pm; please contact Mary Copping, 07921 886016
- *Thursday homegroup* meets fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45–9.15 pm; please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776
- *Home Communion* If you're housebound but would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Liz Stuart, [liz@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:liz@stmatthewstpaul.org), or leave a message for her at the parish office, 844878

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## Contact us

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