



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

15 September 2019

*The 13th Sunday after Trinity;
Green Communion*

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 Tanzania; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim, David and Debbie
- our mission giving: £100 for Winchester Action on Climate Change, an organisation working hard in our city to protect the environment
- all in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian; for those seeking to bring aid
- all who work on the international stage for a sustainable future, especially focusing on the fair sharing of limited water supplies as populations increase
- our parliament, government and civil servants; the prime minister and European politicians involved in Brexit; those whose livelihoods are threatened
- our calling to care for the planet which God lovingly entrusted to us, especially for those who deny this responsibility
- our focus on green issues today, praying encouragement and renewed commitment, both as a church family and in our own households
- all who work with older people, and those who offer friendship and hospitality
- all who live with poor mental health, their families and those who care for them
- the 'quiet' team of helpers: thanksgiving for all who do those little tasks in our churches, who sometimes go unnoticed but contribute so much – THANK YOU
- the unwell: Caroline Behan, 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 Robert Sladden; 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.

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, 15 September

8 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Holy Communion

Readings: p. 177

9.30 am
St Paul's

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

Order of service in dark green booklet

Storyteller

Liz Stannard

Readings

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;



your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Luke 12: 22–31

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.'

Choir

'God be in my head' by H. Walford Davies
'There's a wideness in God's mercy' by Maurice Bevan

**Post
Communion**

Father of Light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us very good and perfect gifts
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom,
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11.15 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Mattins

Readings

Genesis 1: 1–25 [p. 873]

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.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome

and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Luke 12: 22–31

See above

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'

Services next Sunday, 22 September

Matthew, apostle and evangelist

8 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Holy Communion <i>Readings: p. 226</i>
9.30 am St Paul's	Parish Communion <i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 1–6; Matthew 9: 9–13 [p. 1185]</i>
11.15 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Mattins <i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 1–6; Matthew 9: 9–13 [p. 1185]</i>
12 noon St Paul's	Baptism of Jude Maspero, Agnes and Beatrix Redfern

The week ahead

Mon 16, 2 pm	Wheeler Jones Trust	St Matthew's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	St Paul's
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
Tues 17, 3 pm	BfL pre-contract meeting 1	St Paul's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 18, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	St Paul's
Thurs 19, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
6.30 pm	Open evening	Cathedral
Sun 22, 11.30–1.30 pm	Teddy Bears' Picnic	Outside rooms

Diary dates

September

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	Winchester Green Week begins	
6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral

October

Tues 1, 8.45 am	Friends' day trip to Kew Gardens	Station
7.45 pm	PCC meeting	St Paul's
Wed 2, 12.30–1 pm	'Space in the City' on solitude starts	United Church
Sun 6	Harvest Festival	
noon	Packing and clearing party (bring sandwiches!)	St Paul's
Mon 7	St Paul's closed for building works	
2.30 pm	St Matthew's planning group	St Matthew's
Sun 13, 9.30 am	Parish Communion	Western School

***Building for Life* update**

On 2 September all members of the PCC voted unanimously to sign a contract enabling the *Building for Life* project at St Paul's to go ahead. This week we have received updated permission on our Faculty (church planning permission). 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.

Worship at Western

We are looking for willing volunteers – please sign up.

- Sun 6 October, after 9.30 service, people to clear and store movable items
- people to join the Western worship set-up teams (co-ordinator also needed)
- people to offer lifts.

Coming up

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.

Global climate strike Young people in the UK and across the world who have been striking for the climate are calling on adults to join them on Fri 20 September as part of a global day of action. Meet in the cathedral close at 10 am.

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!



World Car Free Day is celebrated every 22 September – people are encouraged to get around without driving alone in cars, instead taking the bus, train, cycling, walking or car-sharing. There'll be a free service from Winchester's Park & Ride sites and campaign stalls and activities (rather than cars) in Middle Brook Street carpark.

'Care of the Creation' Deanery Synod on Wed 25 September, 7.30 pm at All Saints', will share practical ways for individuals and churches to find constructive, sustainable ways of living on God's earth. All welcome; refreshments by First Bite, a community-based organisation fighting food waste in Winchester.

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.

Notices

Christian Aid co-ordinator Peter is urgently looking for someone to continue the great work Julie Sharp has headed up in recent years. If we don't find someone, we risk losing our wider mission giving to this vitally important international charity.

For the environment If you would like to receive the parish weekly prayer e-mail, which includes prayers for the environment, please sign up at the back of church or contact Kathleen Freeman, klvfreeman@aol.com. If you would like to receive online petitions concerning the environment from Christian websites, please sign up at the back of church.

Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy – Lead Chaplain wanted The City Centre Chaplaincy offers workplace support in shops, offices and the law courts from a group of volunteer chaplains. As our current Lead Chaplain is moving on, we are recruiting for a new one (lay or ordained) – a part-time, paid post. Possibly interested? Speak to Michael Joseph, 809784, michael@4joseph.co.uk.

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.

Microwave wanted Has anyone got a microwave they'd like to sell or get rid of? If so, please contact Katie Seal, k.j.e.seal@gmail.com. Many thanks.

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 Tues 8 October, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; contact Ursula Payne, 844878, 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 11 October, 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 weekly sessions from 9 October 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, or leave a message for her at the parish office, 844878

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