



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

11 March 2018

*Mothering Sunday;
the fourth Sunday of Lent*

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 England; 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: £350 for Southampton and Winchester Visitors' Group, who offer friendship and practical support to asylum seekers
- those investigating the attempted murder of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia; all who work for international security
- places where supplies of safe water are limited, including Cape Town
- give thanks for all that is good and beautiful and true, in our world and in our relationships; for those relationships that are strained or broken
- give thanks for our birth mothers and all who have shown us motherly love
- give thanks for all who have mothered us on our journeys of faith
- give thanks for 'Mother Church' where we find a welcome, a homecoming and renewed energy; that the doors of our churches may be wide open to all
- give thanks for Mary the Mother of Jesus who, with childlike trust, accepted what God asked of her; may our response be inspired by Mary's example
- give thanks for this season of Lent, offering our preparations for Holy Week and Easter; may we experience the transforming power of Jesus
- the unwell: Caroline Behan, Christopher Browne, Henry Gaster-Evans, Julia Jones, Ollie Jones (age 7), Emma and Mark Miller, Kate Morgan, Sally Owens, Michael Pain, Jean Reeder and Brian Woodruff. All awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including Eileen Aldridge, Rosemary Angus, Dennis Cruwys (Emma Steadman's grandfather) and Gordon Robinson; 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.

Services today, 11 March

8 am [BCP] Holy Communion
St Matthew's

Readings: p. 92



9.30 am Family Communion with DIY crèche
St Paul's

Order of service in yellow booklet

Reading *John 19: 25b–27 [p. 473]*

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son'. Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother'. And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

(After the 9.30 am service there is the opportunity to light a candle, pray and/or sit quietly in the Lady Chapel for those who wish.)

11.15 am [BCP] Mattins
St Matthew's

Readings *Colossians 3: 12–17 [p. 473]*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19: 25b–27 [p. 473]

See above



Services next Sunday, 18 March

The fifth Sunday of Lent; Passion Sunday

8 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Holy Communion <i>Readings: p. 94</i>
9.30 am St Paul's	Parish Communion <i>Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31–34; John 12: 20–33 [p. 474]</i>
11.15 am St Matthew's	[BCP] Mattins <i>Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31–34; John 12: 20–33 [p. 474]</i>
12 noon St Paul's	Baptism of Noah Evetts
4 pm St Paul's	St Paul's @ 4
6 pm Cathedral	Taizé service

Holy Week and Easter 2018

Palm Sunday, 25 March

Holy Communion at St Matthew's	8 am
Parish Communion with procession of palms, dramatic Passion reading and children's activities at St Paul's	9.30 am
Mattins and Passion reading at St Matthew's	11.15 am

Maundy Thursday, 29 March

Holy Communion with stripping of the altar, and watch, at St Paul's	7.30 pm
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Good Friday, 30 March

Family service for all ages at St Paul's	10 am
Churches Together in Winchester Walk of Witness (meet at St Peter's)	10.50 am
Devotional service at St Paul's	12 noon
Devotional service at St Matthew's	2 pm

Holy Saturday, 31 March

Easter garden preparation by children at St Paul's	10 am
Vigil and first light of Easter at St Paul's	8 pm

Easter Sunday, 1 April

Holy Communion at St Matthew's	8 am
Family Communion, with Easter egg hunt, at St Paul's	9.30 am
Mattins and Holy Communion at St Matthew's	11.15 am

The week ahead

Mon 12, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
7.30 pm	Lent group	Springhill Cottage
Tues 13, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	Lent group	Wentworth Gr.
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 14, 10 am	Lent group	St Matthew's
11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
2.30 pm	Faith development group	Parish rooms
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Vestry
7 pm	Colonel van der Noot: Friends' talk	St Matthew's
8 pm	Lent group	Berewecke Ave
Thurs 15, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
7.45 pm	Lent group	Pheasants Way

Diary dates

March

Mon 19, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Parish rooms
Tues 20, 7 pm	Western Church School governors	Western
Sat 24	Clocks 'spring' forwards	
Wed 28, 9.30 am	Under-fives' Easter service	St Paul's
1.30 pm	Western School Year 3 service	St Paul's
Sat 31, 10 am	Children make Easter garden	St Paul's

April

Mon 2	NO book group today	
Wed 4, 2 pm	Thanksgiving for Margaret Case	St Matthew's
Fri 6, 9.30 am–noon	St Paul's Coffee Pot	Parish rooms
Sun 15, 4 pm	St Paul's @ 4	St Paul's
Mon 16, 7.45 pm	PCC meeting	St Matthew's
Tues 17, 7.30 pm	Music committee	Vestry
Wed 18, 7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
Thurs 19, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Vestry
6.30 pm	Start of local history talks, Series 2	St Matthew's
Fri 20, 12.15–3 pm	Pre-school fair	St Paul's
Sat 21, 4 pm	Blessing of marriage of Tanya Griffiths and Mark Langton	St Paul's
Sun 22, 9.30 am	Confirmation service	St Paul's
Tues 24, 7.45 pm	Children's work team	Berewecke Ave
Sun 29, 6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral
Mon 30, 7.30 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meetings	St Paul's

May

Sat 12, 10.30 am–4 pm	Community Day: Children's Stories	St Paul's
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Coming up

'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 this Wednesday at 7 pm, with drinks available from 6.30 pm. Tickets £12 (Friends £10) from Katy Palacio, 844878, admin@stmatthewstpaul.org.

RSCM music workshop 'Something old, something new: for the many and the few', led by Miles Quick and Stuart Divall at St Boniface, Chandler's Ford on Sat 17 March, 2–5 pm, £5 (under-18s £3). An afternoon of useful, versatile and inspiring music for voices and instruments including worship material from Taizé and Iona. Further information from rscmwinchester@gmail.com.

Music for Lent and Holy Week A concert on Sat 24 March, 7.30 pm, by the chamber choir the Ashton Singers at St Luke's, Mildmay Street. English and Franco-Flemish 16th-century music includes Fayrfax, Josquin des Prez and Gombert. Tickets £10 from Jan Brook, 714030, jan.brook@brookfamily.org.

The Passion narrative Volunteers are invited to read small but vital roles in Mark's account of the Passion of Jesus on Palm Sunday, 25 March; rehearsals at St Paul's on Fridays 16 and 23 March, 7.30 pm. Please let us hear from you! Contact Mary Copping, 07921 886016, youth@stmatthewstpaul.org, or Peter Seal, 844878, peter@stmatthewstpaul.org.

Under-fives' Easter service with songs and stories, and hot cross buns afterwards: Wed 28 March, 9.30 am at St Paul's, with pre-school and toddler group. Do come!

Good Friday Walk of Witness Churches Together in Winchester will be holding the usual ecumenical Good Friday walk and open-air service on 30 March. Please meet at St Peter's, Jewry Street, at 10.50 am for brief worship before walking to the High Street at 11 am. The 11.15 am service at the Buttercross includes music by the Salvation Army Band and an address by Revd Marcus Dickinson, minister of the Baptist church. Join us to show a Christian presence in Winchester.



Christian Aid Week Can you please spare just 2–4 hours between 13 and 19 May? Every year, within our parish there are fewer volunteers to distribute and collect envelopes, yet here in Winchester is one of the richest harvests to gather in. God has given us that harvest; let's not waste it. Collecting during Christian Aid Week is a classic example of 'every little helps'. Even if you can deliver and collect envelopes in just one road this year, it will make all the difference to someone, somewhere, whose life circumstances are more fragile than we can perhaps ever really comprehend. For more information please contact Julie Sharp, 07952 236887 juliemichaela@gmail.com.

Notices

Community Day, Sat 12 May We are still looking for someone to run 'Treasure Island', aka bric-a-brac stall. Also a fabulous bookworm to take care of the book stall. Community day is a perfect opportunity for us to 'reach *beyond ourselves*' and move from being 'guests' to being 'hosts'. Please direct your offers of help and unbridled enthusiasm (!) to Julie Sharp, 07952 236887, juliemichaela@gmail.com.



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, or Peter Seal to find out more.

Please take a bundle or two of parish Easter cards from the table at the back of church to distribute to local homes.

Eco Church We're in the process of encouraging a variety of wildlife to live in the grounds of St Paul's. Thanks to those who donated bird nesting boxes; Max and Oskar Priesemann and Roger McKearney put them up in February in the trees to the east of the church. Now we plan to build a bug mansion. If you'd like to take part, contributing items such as old bricks and pine cones and constructing the mansion, please contact Norma Goodwin, 864684, norma.goodwin@btinternet.com.

Electoral Roll revision 2018 If you're already on the roll there's nothing you need to do. If you're not on it and would like to be, please pick up a form at the back of church or contact Maggie Brecknell, 856552, brecknell1@uwclub.net. She is happy to give you a form and talk through any queries. The deadline for receipt of forms is Fri 13 April.

Free wills month Dying without making a will can cause a financial nightmare for the people you care about, on top of the grief of loss. During March, over 55s can get free solicitor-drafted wills – visit www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk.

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.

Vinyl records Do you have any records or cassette tapes you no longer listen to? You could help raise vital funds for Friends of the Family by donating them – any genre, any condition, any quantity. Either drop your donations at their office, 16 Colebrook Street, or contact them (contactus@fotfwinchester.org, 864466) to arrange collection.

Winchester Talking Newspapers, a charity that provides audio recordings of the *Hampshire Chronicle* to blind and partially sighted Hampshire residents, is looking for volunteers who could give a couple of hours every five weeks to help edit. Jean Gardner writes, 'I have enjoyed being involved for many years. After editing there is usually time for coffee, biscuits and chat!' If you'd like to be involved, please contact Linda Vincent, 884088.

Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy law courts team, which is now well established and well received, is looking for more volunteer chaplains. Please contact the Lead Chaplain, Debbie Veel, 07834 540106, chaplain@winccc.org.uk, for further details.



Nightshelter Please leave donations of black bin bags, instant coffee, granulated sugar, floor cleaner, metal scourers, new shower curtains and new non-slip shower mats 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.

Lent 2018: the mysteries of the love of God

Lent groups:

- Mondays, 7.30 pm at Springhill Cottage, Stockbridge Road, leaders Julie and Chris Sharp: a Lent course based on Victor Hugo's epic *Les Misérables*
- Tuesdays, 7.30 pm at 8 Wentworth Grange, leaders Sheila and David Wilson: *The Mystery of Everything*, a Lent course by Hilary Brand based on the film about Stephen Hawking, *The Theory of Everything*
- Tuesdays, 7.30 pm in the parish rooms: Christian meditation continues throughout Lent and welcomes anyone interested in exploring this
- Wednesdays, 10 am, at St Matthew's (various leaders): *York Course* on 'These three ... faith, hope and love'
- Wednesdays, 7.45 for 8 pm, ending 9.45 latest, at 21b Berewecke Avenue, leader Susie Richardson: *The Bible Course*, looking at how the Bible applies to our lives; suitable for those with no knowledge or lots
- Thursdays, 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*

Remember a loved one with an Easter Lily

Lilies are flowers often associated with mourning but also point to the Christian hope in resurrection. It is a tradition at Easter, after the waiting days of Lent, to have some special white lilies in church, as a symbol of new life.

If you'd like to give a lily to remember someone you love, please get your donation to Katy Palacio in the Parish Office by tomorrow, 12 March. Please write clearly the name(s) of the person/people you would like remembered.

Cheques should be made payable to 'St Matthew's PCC'. We suggest a minimum of £3.50 per name/lily stem. A list of the names of those remembered will be on display on Easter Day, 1 April 2018.



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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