



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

**13 January 2018**

*The Baptism of Christ  
The first Sunday after the Epiphany*

## 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 province of Australia; for Archbishop Justin; for Bishops Tim, Jonathan and David
- the Sisters of St Andrew in Brussels, among them Sister Katie Seal
- our mission giving: £350 for Friends of the Family in Winchester, supporting vulnerable families to find solutions to their problems
- our Prime Minister and all members of parliament as they prepare for the Brexit vote on Tuesday
- all parents seeking baptism for their children in the coming months
- young people and adults considering confirmation
- give thanks for Peter Symonds College, with some 4,000 students, praying for those who are finding life tough; pray for children, students and staff at Western Church School and the Westgate School
- Antony Feltham-King and the *Building for Life* steering group as they finalise tender documents
- Bill Lucas, Bryony Blazeby and the *Building for Life* fund-raising team preparing grant applications and a February community appeal letter
- the unwell: Caroline Behan, Christopher and Clifford Browne, Judy Golding, Andrew James, Julia Jones, Laura Liepins, Anna McKenzie (age 11), Emma and Mark Miller, Kate Morgan, Les Scott and Jane Seal (Peter's mother); all awaiting appointments or treatments
- those who have died recently, including Inga Lauriston (Alexa Heady's mother); 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, 13 January

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8 am  
St Matthew's

[BCP] Holy Communion

*Readings: p. 67*

9.30 am  
St Paul's

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

Order of service in yellow booklet

**Collect**

Open the heavens,  
almighty Father,  
and pour out your Spirit  
upon your people gathered in prayer.  
Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing  
and fill us with zeal for good deeds.  
Let us hear your voice once again,  
that we may recognise in your beloved Son  
our hope of inheriting eternal life.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

**Readings**

***Isaiah 43: 1–7 [p. 775]***

But now thus says the Lord,  
    he who created you, O Jacob,  
    he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
    and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east,  
    and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
    and to the south, 'Do not withhold';  
bring my sons from far away  
    and my daughters from the end of the earth –  
everyone who is called by my name,



whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

**Luke 3: 15–17, 21–22 [p. 776]**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'.

**Post  
Communion**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11.15 am  
St Matthew's

[BCP] Mattins

**Readings**

***Isaiah 43: 1–7; Luke 3: 15–17, 21–22 [p. 775]***

*See above*



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## Services next Sunday, 20 January

*The third Sunday of Epiphany; [BCP] the second Sunday after the Epiphany*

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8 am	[BCP] Holy Communion
St Matthew's	<i>Readings: p. 69</i>
9.30 am	Parish Communion
St Paul's	<i>Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 1–11; John 2: 1–11 [p. 779]</i>
11.15 am	[BCP] Mattins
St Matthew's	<i>Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 1–11; John 2: 1–11 [p. 779]</i>
4 pm	St Paul's @ 4 family service, 'David and Goliath'
St Paul's	
6.30 pm	Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
United Church	

### Bring and share patronal festival lunch

Please come along to the lunch at St Paul's on Sunday 27 January, 12.45 for 1 pm – meet new friends and enjoy delicious food and a glass of wine. Do sign up at the back of church.



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### A covenant prayer for the New Year

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I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you or brought low for you;  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing;  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.

(From the covenant service of the Methodist Church)

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## The week ahead

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Mon 14, 4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7 pm	Women's group	Roebuck Inn
Tues 15, 9 am	Property committee	Vestry
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Parish rooms
7.30 pm	Christian meditation	Parish rooms
Wed 16, 11 am	[BCP] Holy Communion	St Matthew's
4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Vestry
7.45 pm	Children's work team	Berewecke Ave
Thurs 17, 9.30–11.30 am	Toddler group	Parish rooms
Fri 18–Fri 25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Sat 19, 9 am–noon	Parish Mission Action Planning	St Paul's

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## Diary dates

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### January

Mon 21, 7.45 pm	PCC meeting	Western School
Tues 22, 11 am	Faith Development group	Parish rooms
Wed 23, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City, speaker Mark Byford	United Church
Sat 26, 11 am–3 pm	Nightshelter open day	Nightshelter
Sun 27, 9.30, 11.15 am	Conversion of St Paul	
12.30 pm	Bring and share lunch	St Paul's
6 pm	Taizé service	Cathedral
Wed 30, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City, speaker Mark Byford	United Church

### February

Sat 2	<i>Bugsy Malone</i> musical workshop	St Paul's
Sun 3	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
Mon 4, 8.30 am	<i>Building for Life</i> steering group	Parish rooms
Wed 6, 12.30–1 pm	Space in the City, speaker Mark Byford	United Church
Thurs 7, 7 pm	Western Church School governors	Western
7.30 pm	English Project lecture about the Bible's influence on the English language, in aid of <i>Building for Life</i>	St Paul's
Fri 8, 9.30 am–noon	St Paul's Coffee Pot pop-up café	St Paul's
Sun 10	Stewardship and Legacy Sunday	
Mon 11, 7.30 pm	<i>Building for Life</i> fund-raising group	Vestry
Wed 13, 8.30 pm	Men's group	Roebuck Inn
Wed 20, 7.15 pm	Finance committee	Orchard End
Fri 22, 7.30 pm	'Winchester Connection' wine tasting	Sarum Road
Sat 23, 7.30 pm	'An Evening with Christopher Seaman' Friends' event	St Paul's
Tues 26, 2.30 pm	St Matthew's planning group	St Matthew's
7.30 pm	Music committee	Vestry
Wed 27, 7.30 pm	Deanery Synod	All Saints'

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## Coming up

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**Space in the City** The New Year series of talks, *The Annunciation: A Pilgrim's Quest*, will be given at the United Church on Wednesdays 23 and 30 January and 6 February, 12.30–1 pm (no entrance charge). Inspired by a chance viewing of a painting in the National Gallery, award-winning journalist Mark Byford searches for the spiritual meaning of Luke's biblical story of the Annunciation.

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**Annual Christian unity service** The unity service will take place at the United Church on Sun 20 January at 6.30 pm. This year's speaker is the Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester Cathedral.

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**Nightshelter open day** The Nightshelter is opening its doors on Sat 26 January, 11 am–3 pm, for those who are curious about its work. Even if you've visited before, why not drop in and find out from staff, volunteers and residents what's new? Contact [admin@wcns.org.uk](mailto:admin@wcns.org.uk) for further information.

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**'Bugsy Malone' musical workshop** at St Paul's on Sat 2 February, 9 am–4.30 pm, followed by a performance at 5 pm. The leader will be Bronwen Dixie, a dance teacher and choreographer who works at Chichester Stage School and in musical theatre. Open to all children and young people, Year 1 upwards (no church links required). Singing and drama will be interspersed with activities and games. To take part, please contact Mary Copping, 07921 886016, [youth@stmatthewstpaul.org](mailto:youth@stmatthewstpaul.org). There are lots of children signed up already; it's proving very popular. We hope that many from Western, our church school, will be involved, as they have been with shows and music/drama workshops in the past.

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**The Bible in England and the Bible in English** We're delighted to announce a public lecture at St Paul's on Thurs 7 February, 7 pm, by Professor Christopher Mulvey, about the powerful influence the Bible has exerted on the English language. This is an exciting collaboration between the English Project and the parish, held specifically to raise funds for *Building for Life*. Reserve your ticket (£13.50 including a glass of wine) at the Eventbrite website. For more information, contact Bill Lucas, [bill@bill-lucas.com](mailto:bill@bill-lucas.com).

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**The Winchester Connection** On Fri 22 February, Peter and Irene Casey present another imaginative wine-tasting session, this time based on their local heroes. For tickets (£17.50) please contact 808776, [pheasants@picasey.me.uk](mailto:pheasants@picasey.me.uk). All proceeds will go to *Building for Life*.

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## Notices

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**Car park** This Tuesday, 15 January, as part of our long-term *Building for Life* plans, the first of the three trees at the driveway end of the car park will be felled. In due

course this will enable appropriate re-planting and the creation of a new entry point to the gravelled car park, as well as safe, designated pedestrian access by the south side of the church to the meadow and parish rooms. The work will be undertaken by students from the Arboriculture and Forestry Department of Sparsholt College. The part of the car park nearest the trees will be fenced off during the day, reducing parking spaces available. Please don't try to park unless it's essential.

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**Christian Aid Christmas Appeal** Julie Sharp, who organises the parish's Christian Aid collections, reports that we collected a total of £1,617 (of which £1,351 was gifted) for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. (The figures for 2017, 2016 and 2015 were £1,932, £1,822 and £1,452 respectively.) The money will go to help bring peace to people affected by conflict worldwide.

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**Would you like to be a Parish Visitor?** We are now looking for additional suitable volunteers to take on this incredibly valuable and rewarding role. If you would like to explore what it may involve and whether it would be a good 'fit' for you, please contact Jan Walley, Parish Visitor Co-ordinator, janpwalley1@hotmail.co.uk, 808441. There is a diocesan training course starting early in February, so if you wish to take this further please let her know asap.

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**Toddler group** is such a lovely offering to the community, with new children coming each week. Would you be able to help out on a Thursday morning between 9.30 and 11.30, on a rota or one-off basis – to help set up, make tea/coffee/snacks, take part in craft activities, or chat to local parents/grandparents and carers? Please contact Victoria McCabe, 07971 545573, vlbrooks@hotmail.com.

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**Small flat or room in shared house** needed by Syrian man who needs to vacate his current room by the end of February; budget approximately £400 per month. If you can help, please respond to refugees@ctwin.org.uk.

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**Coats4Calais'** goal is to provide refugees living rough in northern France with a warm winter coat. Please help by donating a winter coat you no longer wear at 147 Greenhill Road, Winchester SO22 5DU (phone: 869292). If you don't have a coat to give, you could buy a coat for a refugee for £25 at <https://tinyurl.com/y9bcs9bb>.

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**Trinity Centre** Donations of men's and women's casual clothes, shoes and warm items appreciated; contact lucy@trinitywinchester.org.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.

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**Plastic bottle tops** 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.



## Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Toddler group* (0–3 years) runs on Thursdays, 9.30–11.30 am in the parish rooms: play, craft, singing, stories and snacks (coffee, etc. for grown-ups!)
- *Women's group* next meets Mon 14 January, 7 pm, at the Roebuck for supper; contact Julia Seal, 854849, [julia.seal@ntlworld.com](mailto:julia.seal@ntlworld.com)
- *Men's group* next meets Wed 13 February, 8.30 pm, at the Roebuck for a drink and a chat; please contact Chris Sharp, [chrissharp@gmail.com](mailto: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* pop-up café next meets Fri 8 February, 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 on the first Monday of the month, 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; please contact Susie Richardson, 07813 641646
- *Thursday homegroup* meets fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm; please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776

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## Contact us

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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](mailto:ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org) by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday