



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

21 November 2021

*Christ the King;
the Sunday next before Advent*

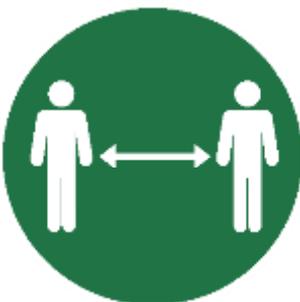
Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone, whether you are worshipping
in church or taking part in the service at home

Covid and fire safety

- continue to show care and consideration for others, sanitising your hands at the entrance and wearing a face-covering indoors
- do your best to restrict your movement around the church
- whenever possible, keep a respectful distance apart, conscious that different people have different vulnerabilities
- at the end, if possible do go outside with your refreshments
- if you are happy to take regular Covid tests, especially before services on Sunday mornings, please do so; they are available from chemists and bookable online for next-day delivery
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Thank you for your cooperation



Please feel free to send prayer requests to ursula@stmatthewstpaul.org
or contact the parish office on 844878

Prayer

- with the Anglican Communion we pray for the church of Bangladesh; for Archbishop Justin
- within our diocese, for bishops Tim, David and Debbie (Acting Diocesan Bishop, assisted by Honorary Assistant Bishop Richard Frith); for the School of Mission, supporting discipleship, discernment, calling, training and equipping in ministry and mission
- our mission giving: £350 for Feed the Minds, improving the literacy skills of some of the world's most disadvantaged people
- our personal preparations for the season of Advent in anticipation of the birth of Christ
- wisdom for those working to defuse tensions on the borders of Poland and Ukraine
- resolution to the conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray Province; for the 2 million forced from their homes in the north and vast numbers facing famine-like conditions
- all who don't have enough to eat and have limited access to clean drinking water; for agencies working to change the structures that keep people poor
- work on the Great Green Wall, planned to stretch 5,000 miles across 11 African countries to combat desertification and drought with new tree planting
- people whose lives, property and livelihood are threatened by extreme weather
- honest, wise leadership by our politicians, for the common good
- peace between political opponents, divided communities and within families
- victims of crime; those who fear for their personal safety, especially in large cities
- the unwell: Freddy (Frederica) Bull, Becky Dunn, Bob and Elizabeth Harland, Tom Mounsey, Phoebe, Sonia Walker and Patricia Watts
- the long-term unwell: Caroline Behan, William Buncombe, Julia Jones, Kate Morgan, Vera Willnecker and David Wilson
- those who have died recently, including Doug Maughan and Jane Seal; all living with the pain of untimely death; God's comfort for their families and friends and all who remember loved ones

Services for 21 November

9.30 am Sunday Eucharist (live-streamed)
St Paul's *Stand*

The gathering In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

Opening hymn 580 Rejoice, the Lord is King



Sit for the children's story, after which children / young people go to their groups

Stand

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

**Prayer of
preparation**

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**Prayers of
penitence**

Jesus says,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Let us confess our sins.

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Gloria
(sung)**

**Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
peace to his people on earth,
peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
peace to his people on earth,
peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.**

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
to Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead,
you have granted everlasting dominion
and a kingship that shall not pass away.
Remove from us every desire for privilege and power,
that we may imitate the sacrificial love of Christ our King
and, as a royal and priestly people,
serve you humbly in our brothers and sisters.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Amen.

Sit

**Liturgy of the
word**

A reading from the book of Daniel
As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Daniel 7: 9–10, 13–14 [p. 720]

For God's holy word,
thanks be to God.

A reading from the Revelation to St John

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is
to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and
from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and
the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and
made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him
be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who
was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1: 4b–8 [p. 721]

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Stand

Gradual hymn 352 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

Gospel reading Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.
Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

John 18: 33–37 [p. 722]

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Canon Keith Anderson

After the sermon there will be two minutes' silence for reflection

Prayers

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

**Liturgy of the
sacrament**

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3: 14, 15

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

**Offertory
hymn**

649 The King of love my shepherd is
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

**Eucharistic
Prayer**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Glory and dominion be to you, Lord God, for your Word
was alive in creation, is present in the power of the Spirit
and will come in glory on the Last Day.

You made with the house of David an everlasting covenant
and your goodness is like the sun on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on a grassy land.
You sent Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.
He freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us to be a kingdom of priests serving you for ever.
And so with all the company of heaven,
we rejoice to sing your praise.

**Sanctus
(sung)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
*Hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

**Benedictus
(sung)**

**Blessèd is he, blessèd is he, blessèd is he
who comes in the name,
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
*Hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

God of truth, your Son came to testify to you
and lead us into all righteousness.
You have prepared for us such things as pass our understanding.
Send your Holy Spirit upon your people,
that your Word may be on their tongue.
Sanctify this bread and this cup that they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me'.



After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'



Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

God of all beginnings and endings,

your Son declared his kingdom was not of this world.

Bless the governance of every earthly kingdom,

that it may be ruled justly, in spirit and in truth.

Visit your children who live in fear, dwell under oppression,
experience cruelty or suffer discrimination.

Turn struggle into hope, hope into freedom,

freedom into justice and justice into love.

Bring to those who have never known you,

or have forgotten or rejected you,

the light of your grace and the thirst for your mercy;

until your Son comes with the clouds and all eyes will see him

and every tribe and tongue will lift your name on high,

ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sit

**The Lord's
Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.

Amen.

**Breaking of
the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

**Agnus Dei
(sung)**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

**Giving of
Communion**

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**Music during
Communion**

Affetuoso from violin sonata in D major by George Frideric Handel
Violin: David Blunt; piano: Ian Rees

**Post-
Communion
prayers**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Stand

**Post-
Communion
hymn**

137 Crown him with many crowns

Blessing Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you, your homes and loved ones
today and always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Refreshments available at the back. If possible, do take them outside into the courtyard or meadow. Please move right away from the hatch area once you have your drink.

At 11.15 there will be a short concert. Tom Jesty will accompany violinist Vanessa White in Schubert's A minor violin sonata (D385), which lasts approximately 20 minutes. Tom and Vanessa are both studying on postgraduate performance courses at the Guildhall in London. All are welcome and attendance is free.

11.15 am [BCP] Mattins
St Matthew's

Readings *Daniel 7: 9–10, 13–14; John 18: 33–37 [p. 720]*
See above

6 pm Taizé service
Cathedral

Midweek service

11 am [BCP] Holy Communion
St Matthew's

Services for 28 November

The first Sunday of Advent

9.30 am Sunday Eucharist (live-streamed)
St Paul's *Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14–16;*
1 Thessalonians 3: 9–13; Luke 21: 25–36 [p. 735]

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4 pm Family service, 'Getting ready'
St Paul's

6.30 pm Advent service by candlelight
St Matthew's *[limited numbers, book via Linda Russell-Smith, 853584]*



Coming up

Friends of St Matthew with St Paul AGM All are welcome at the AGM on Thurs 25 November, 7.30 pm, to be held at St Paul's. During the AGM we plan to discuss the winding down of the Friends, which will formally come to an end next year.

Advent Quiet Day Please let Mary Copping (youth@stmatthewstpaul.org, 07921 886016) know as soon as possible if you would like to come, as she needs an idea of numbers. It will be on the theme 'Preparing for Christmas and beyond', led by Revd Maggie Guillebaud on Sat 27 November, 10 am–4 pm at Wisdom House, Romsey. Cost £25 per person, including coffee, tea and lunch.

Flute recital Becky Lynch is giving a short concert at St Paul's on Sat 27 November at 7.30, playing J. S. Bach's A minor partita for solo flute, Roussel's Joueurs de flûte, and Reinecke's Undine Sonata. No ticket required – do just come!

Christmas shopping evening raising funds for St Paul's Pre-school at St Paul's on Thurs 9 December, 7.30–9.30 pm. Among the highlights of the evening are stalls aplenty selling quality and hand-made gifts and stocking-fillers, a pampering stall, mulled wine and mince pies. Luxurious raffle prizes include a £50 Brasserie Blanche voucher, a hamper from Basil Leaf Deli and Majestic wine-tasting for 6. Raffle tickets (£1) available from Facebook: @stpaulspreschoolwinchester and on the night.

Christingle service at St Paul's on Sun 12 December, 5 pm. Fun for children, and adults too!

Women's weekend away Following a wonderful weekend away at Stanton House in Oxfordshire in autumn 2019, plans are afoot for another one on 18–20 March 2022. The cost is £180 for two nights with full board from Friday supper to Sunday lunchtime (incl.). The format is not yet finalised, but is likely to include plenty of time for personal prayer and reflection and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful countryside around Stanton House. Please contact Liz Stannard at Liz@thestannards.co.uk if you are interested in joining us.



Notices

Christmas cards Parish cards are available for purchase at St Paul's and Winchester Beacon cards at <https://wcns.org.uk/blog/christmas-cards-2021/>. The pop-up shop at 17 High Street has a range of charity cards.

Readathon On 6 November the Friends of St Matthew with St Paul raised the considerable sum of £600 in generous sponsorship donations after six parishioners read the books of the Psalms and Isaiah at St Matthew's over the course of nine hours. Warm thanks to all involved.

A message from Peter and Julia Seal

We've been waiting for this moment! This beautiful garden room has just been installed, which has been made possible largely thanks to the most generous leaving gift from you all in the parish.

We are thrilled; it looks wonderful and will give us the extra space we were hoping for. The aim is that it becomes Peter's new study – when we've put the new electric radiator in!



This also comes with our very grateful thanks for all the cards and messages we've received since the death of Peter's mum. We are very touched and really value your ongoing thoughts and prayers. Jane's funeral was on Friday 19th. It has been truly a wonderful blessing to have been nearby – just 5 minutes' walk up the road – during these last weeks.

We'd also like to wish everyone in the parish a very Happy Christmas and send our love. We will miss you particularly during the wonderful season of Advent and Christmas. We are just so thankful for the many years we shared together and all the very happy memories that go with them.

We look forward to keeping in touch and especially when we've put the oak nesting box up – on the garden room! – in hopes that the blue tits will make their home in it in the spring.

With our love,
Peter and Julia

Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Zoom coffee morning*, Thursdays, 10.30 am; for the link, contact Mary Copping, youth@stmatthewstpaul.org
- *St Paul's Coffee Pot* pop-up café, on the second Wednesday of the month, 10 am–noon in St Paul's; for real coffee, homemade cakes and a chat; all welcome
- *Meditation group*, Tuesdays, 7.30 pm in the parish rooms – come as you are and rest in God's presence
- *Tuesday homegroup*, planning to reconvene; new members welcome; please contact James Clay, 852141
- *Thursday homegroup*, meeting fortnightly, 7.30 for 7.45 pm; please contact Peter and Irene Casey, 808776
- *Advent course* on Zoom, three weekly sessions from Tues 30 November, 7.30 pm; please contact Mary Copping, 07921 886016
- *Toddler group*, 0–3 years, Fridays 9.30–11 am in the parish rooms and outside on the meadow, with play, crafts and songs
- *Volunteering opportunities* of many types, from sound system operator to helping the toddler team, baking to buildings maintenance; contact Maggie Brecknell, 856552, brecknell1@uwclub.net

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