



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

22 May 2022

*The sixth Sunday of Easter;
[BCP] the fifth Sunday after Easter*

Welcome

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

Prayer

- with the Anglican Communion we pray for the province of South-east Asia; for Archbishop Justin
- within this diocese, for bishops Debbie and David; for the Education Team, supporting the diocese and our schools in the Church of England's vision for education: 'Deeply Christian, serving the common good'
- our mission giving: £250 for the Leprosy Mission, working with those suffering from this terrible disease
- giving thanks for this Christian Aid Week, praying that the response has been really good; for ever-growing awareness of inequity between nations and individuals; for boldness in reaching those in greatest need
- the people of Pakistan suffering an early and intense heatwave that is a danger to life, a threat to agriculture and causing flooding
- the benefits of IT and rapid communication; the pressures/dangers this can bring
- the gift of space, reflection and wisdom – at work, and in all our relationships
- young people facing serious educational debt, and those struggling to pay their rent; those for whom buying somewhere of their own to live is almost impossible
- all who long to have a 'home', a job and someone who loves them
- those whose lifestyle makes them vulnerable to violence, and all victims of crime
- those who care for loved ones who are unwell, especially over long periods of time; that they get the support they need
- the unwell: Bob and Elizabeth Harland, Margaret Jones, Phoebe, Jo Saunders and Patricia Watts
- the long-term unwell: Caroline Behan, Freddy Bull, William Buncombe, Maggie Green, Julia Jones, Kate Morgan and David Wilson
- those who have died recently, including Daphnia Maltster; all living with the pain of untimely death; God's comfort for their families and friends

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

Services for 22 May



9.30 am St Paul's	Parish Eucharist (live-streamed) <i>Stand</i>
Processional hymn	137 Crown him with many crowns, verses 1, 3, 4, 5
The gathering	In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Storytime and song	<i>Children come and sit by the dais steps After the song they go to their group</i>
Greeting	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
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	Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil, and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart. Let us confess our sins. Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

Great and loving Father,
your will for us in Jesus
is the peace the world cannot give;
your abiding gift
is the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts,
dispel every fear.
Keep us steadfast in love
and faithful to your word,
that we may always be your dwelling place.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead.
Amen.

Sit

Liturgy of the word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us'. When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home'. And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16: 9–15 [p. 911]

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

A reading from the book of Revelation

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;

they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 21: 10, 22–27; 22: 1–5 [p. 912]

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

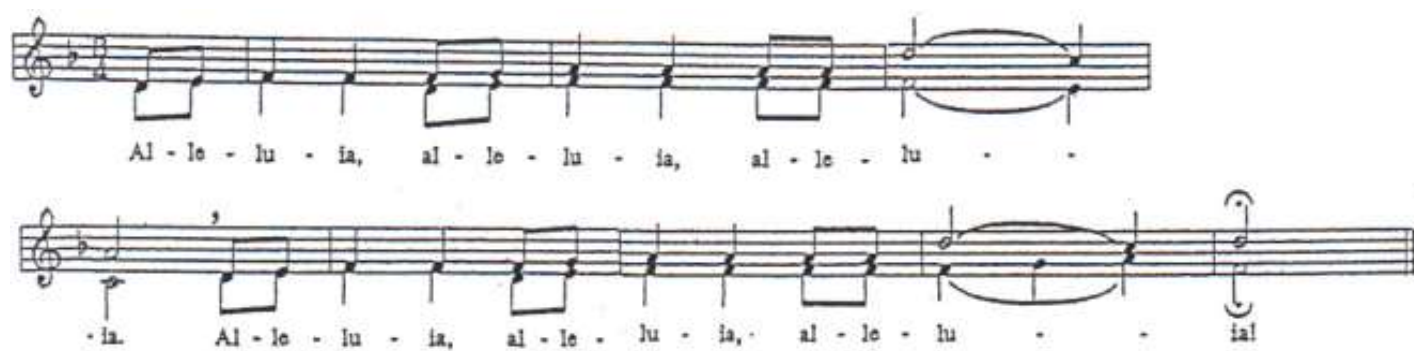
Stand

Gradual hymn 684 Thou, whose almighty word

Gospel Alleluia, alleluia.

reading I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

(Revelation 1: 17, 18)



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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

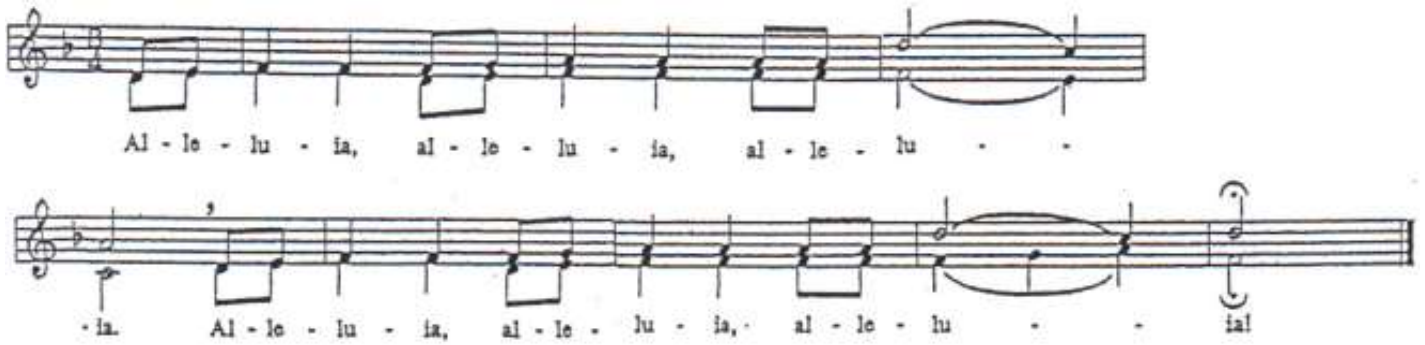
Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids – blind, lame and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me'. Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk'. At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

John 5: 1–9 [p. 913]

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sit

Sermon

Revd Mary Copping

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

Prayers

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

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**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

(John 20: 19, 20)

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

Hymn

755 Ye holy angels bright

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessèd be God for ever.

Sit

**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.

We lift our hearts in praise to you, God of glory,
because in every time and place
you have shown yourself to your people
and revealed your purpose to dwell with them always.
In the wilderness you made your place of dwelling in a tabernacle.
In Jerusalem the temple became a theatre of encounter with you.
In Jesus your Son you came among us,
making your home in human flesh.

In his death he faced the consequences of our sin
and in his resurrection he made possible
an everlasting home for us at your right hand.
You have prepared for us a holy city of heavenly lights
where we will dwell with you for ever.
So with angels and archangels we join the praises
sung for evermore in that eternal city.

**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.***

Lord God Almighty, from your throne flows the river of life.
Fed from that river, your tree of life bears fruit
for the healing of the nations.
Nourish your Church in this sacred meal,
that the bread and wine we receive
may be poured out through us as life abundant.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
make your Church a healing balm in places of suffering and sorrow.
Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son.
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.

Revealing God, whose radiance is all holiness,
make your face to shine upon us that we may be saved.
Look with mercy upon those who turn to you in hope
and long for peace the world cannot give.
Hold in your light of compassion every troubled heart
that waits for the dawn of your one eternal day.
Shine with the fullness of your love into every fear-filled soul
and make yourself known to all who long to see your face;
until that hour when night is no more
and there is no need of lamp or sun,
when you will be our light and when in your eternal radiance
you shall reign for ever and ever, one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**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**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.

**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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Post-
Communion
prayers**

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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

Hymn

106 City of God, verses 1, 2, 3, 5

**Blessing and
dismissal**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead
at work within you,
go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Refreshments are served at the back of church. Decaffeinated
coffee now available!*

11.15 am
St Matthew's

[BCP] Mattins

Readings

Acts 16: 9–15; John 5: 1–9 [p. 911]
See above

Midweek service

Wed, 11 am [BCP] Holy Communion
St Matthew's

Thurs, 7.30 pm Ascension Day Eucharist
St Paul's

Services for 29 May

Ascension Sunday; [BCP] Sunday after Ascension Day

9.30 am Praise and Worship Eucharist (live-streamed)
St Paul's *Reading: Luke 24: 44–53, from The Message translation*

11.15 am [BCP] Mattins
St Matthew's *Readings: Acts 1: 1–11; Luke 24: 44–53 [p. 917]*

Stewardship update

We can be thankful to 12 people who have promised to give an extra monthly £315 by standing order towards our running costs. And to some others for very generous one-off donations of £11,750. This will help reduce some of our shortfall in giving to help pay this year's bills. Although we're still some way short, thank you to everyone who has responded so far.

These are difficult times financially for everyone as well as for the parish. But if you aren't already giving regularly by standing order, please can you? And if you are, but haven't yet reviewed if you could give more, please could you?

If everyone on average could give £20 extra each month (just £5 more each week), that's all it would take to meet our monthly running costs. For more details see this month's parish magazine and our leaflets about Giving and Gift Aid available in each church.



Coming up

Youth club is back! Today, 5.30–7 pm, for school years 3 to 7. Please join us for lots of games, great food and plenty of fun. If you're planning to attend, do let Mary Copping know if possible (youth@stmatthewstpaul.org, for catering purposes). Otherwise, please do just turn up.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) The annual meetings including elections of churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members will be held on Mon 23 May at 7.30 pm in the parish rooms. Our 2021 financial statements, which will be presented at the APCM, can be viewed at <https://stmatthewstpaul.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/St-Matthew-with-St-Paul-2021-annual-report-and-financial-statements.pdf>. Currently we do not have any lay representatives to the Deanery Synod (a one-year term until 2023 involves 3–4 synod meetings a year, plus PCC meetings). If you would like to know what is involved in being a member of the PCC, contact the Honorary Secretary, Nathalie Schulz (N.Schulz@btopenworld.com).

Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust AGM Tues 24 May, 7 pm, at Winchester Cathedral, followed by wine and nibbles. If you love historic churches or are thinking of volunteering as our new Ride + Stride rep (see below), this would be a good event to attend.

Coffee Pot pop-up café is open this Friday, 27 May, 10 am–noon at St Paul's, with toddler group parents and carers joining in and a play area set up in church. All welcome!

Vox Humana free concert at St Paul's, Sat 28 May, 7 pm. Local singers will join the Danish choir Vox Humana and Swedish bassist Anders Jormin to perform a range of new compositions, mainly by the choir's conductor Jakob Høgsbro.

Fascinating 'green' webinars During May and June the Church of England is offering a series of webinars on the environment, including: *31 May* Knowing your ant from your elder – why and how to record during Churches' Count on Nature, *6 June* Life on the edge: exploring the oceans through science and faith, *7 June* Finding our faith in trees, *8 June* Blooming and beautiful – flower-rich churchyards, *9 June* Sustaining church: using your church spaces for growing food and growing mission. Further details, including how to book, at <https://tinyurl.com/57m9w6x6>.

Bring and share lunch We had provisionally planned a parish meal at St Paul's on Sun 5 June as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Your clergy and churchwardens now feel that many people will be involved in street parties that day. Instead we will hold one on Sun 10 July as a warm welcome for Jonathan and Hilary Rowe.

Notices

St Paul's large metal offertory plate If you have this for safekeeping or know where it is, please contact Mary Copping, youth@stmatthewstpaul.org, or one of the St Paul's churchwardens.

Clothes donations – specific! The Storehouse at Winchester Vineyard and Basics Bank request the following clean, good-quality clothes, particularly needed by new arrivals from Ukraine. Women's and men's T-shirts, casual trousers, summer coats, new underwear and socks. Men's shoes/trainers size 10 & 11. Take to the Storehouse, Unit A, Bar End Industrial Estate SO23 9NP, on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 10 am–noon. Or they can be dropped at Basics Bank Bulk Sorting, Gabare House, Winnall Valley Road SO23 0LD, Tuesday or Friday, 9 am–3 pm.

Back-up support for Ukrainian guests As more Ukrainians arrive in the area we are planning to offer support to them and their hosts. If you feel there's something you can offer (lifts, shopping trips, activities, accompanying to appointments, a quiet chat) please contact Barbara and Stuart Dorward on bjmd27@gmail.com. Hosts are often very busy with their jobs, families and Homes for Ukraine paperwork and will appreciate your help.

Requests for specific help will be both emailed and messaged via a small parish WhatsApp group, so send your email address or mobile number depending on how you would like to be contacted.

Ride + Stride Co-ordinator Many thanks to Heather Ellis for her hard work in this role over the past few years. Heather has now stepped down, so we are looking for someone to take up the reins. This involves some administration, and arranging volunteers to welcome sponsored walkers and cyclists to St Matthew's and St Paul's on the second Saturday of September each year, raising money for Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust. The role is rewarding, not hugely time-consuming, and the regional co-ordinator is always on hand to advise. Please contact Katy Palacio, admin@stmatthewstpaul.org.

Interested in meeting people/getting involved?

- *Zoom coffee morning*, Thursdays, 10.30 am; for the link, contact alisoncollins67@btinternet.com
- *St Paul's Coffee Pot* pop-up café, 10 am–noon in St Paul's, next meets on Fri 27 May; for real coffee, homemade cakes and a chat
- *Meditation group* – please contact Kathleen, klvfreeman@aol.com
- *Tuesday homegroup*, meeting on first and third weeks of the month, 2.30–4 pm; 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
- *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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