

A warm welcome to all

Today's services

Services & contact details		
Readings	1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8	
11.15 St Matthew's	Mattins	
Hymns Readings	 9 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven 475 Now the green blade riseth 82 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed 428 Love divine, all loves excelling 1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8 	Hearing Loop Switch hearing aid to T-coil
9.30 St Paul's	Holy Communion	

For services and clergy contact details see our website www.stmatthewstpaul.org

The Parish Office is staffed every day by Katy Palacio (<u>admin@stmatthewstpaul.org</u>) / Claire Thompson (<u>comms@stmatthewstpaul.org</u>) – 01962 844878

Safeguarding

Taking safeguarding seriously is one way in which we fulfil Jesus' command to love our neighbours. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Liz Stuart our Safeguarding Officer (07754 687530; <u>safeguarding@stmatthewstpaul.org</u>).

Prayer

- Father God, as you have loved us, please help us to love and care for each other. We pray that this would be a witness to others, pointing the way to the beautiful character of Jesus.
- Beyond Ourselves <u>Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group</u>. God of love and compassion, may we always recognise you: in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence; in the asylum-seeker, seeking justice for their family; in the unaccompanied child, travelling in a dangerous world. We ask and pray for compassion and love.
- Remember the unwell in prayer: George Hicks, Mark Miller and Henry Whyte; among the long-term unwell, Bob and Elizabeth Harland.
- Pray for families and friends of those who have died: Chris Walker and Derrick Waters.

<u>Are you new to St Matthew's or St Paul's?</u> If so, we would love to say hello. Please don't leave today without filling in a welcome card, or completing one online <u>here</u>.

Sunday singing group today 28 April 7.30-8.30 pm at St Paul's Relaxed, informal singing of beautiful, straightforward music, ancient and modern. All welcome!

Electoral roll Deadline 29 April. Each year we update our electoral roll. If you are not on the electoral roll but consider yourself to be a committed member of the parish, please download a form <u>here</u>, complete one <u>online</u>, or pick up a copy at church.

Christian meditation group, Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm St Paul's parish rooms Our meditation group meets weekly: a time of renewal together in God's presence. The group is open to all. Please join us, or contact <u>klvfreeman@aol.com</u> for more details.

Family singing workshop Sun 28 April 2-3pm in St Paul's church hall Join Katie Gilbert for a fun family singing workshop, raising funds for St Paul's Preschool. Tickets £6 per person, family tickets £20, under 3s free. Click <u>here</u> to sign up.

Journeying Together Sun 28 April 6pm at St Paul's Our new monthly evening worship service. With everything from contemporary music to ancient hymns, and reflections on some of our most loved scripture, in stillness or creatively.

Winchester Chamber Music Festival 3-6 May at St Paul's An amazing and jampacked programme across three days. Tickets always sell out, so book early <u>here</u>.

Judy Madin thanksgiving service 10 May 12 noon All welcome.

Newcomers' cream tea Sun 12 May 3-4.30pm at the Rectory We would like to invite anyone who considers themselves new to our churches (in the last year, say) to a cream tea at the Rectory. Please sign up <u>here</u> or complete a hard copy form at the back of church.

Green communion weekly book group Mon 20 May at 7.30pm at the March Hare pub in Harestock Our guest preacher for the Green Communion on the 16 June is Ruth Valerio. To prepare for this, Rhiannon will be running a weekly group looking at Ruth's book *Just Living*, starting Monday 20 May.

Friday Toddler Group Our weekly Toddler Group is going from strength to strength, welcoming many families from both near and far through our doors. We need to build our team – might you be able to join us? Contact Vicki (youth@stmatthewstpaul.org) for more information.



Community Day 18 May – get involved!

We are in the final few weeks of preparations! Please help by:

- **spreading the word**: share our social media posts and flyers with your contacts.
- welcoming or stewarding: on the day welcoming people as they arrive and/or a roving steward, one hour slots from 10am. Contact James Clay jamesrdclay@outlook.com or 07423 400 535.
- volunteering to help on a stall on the day for a specified time slot. Contact <u>bill@bill-lucas.com</u>
- **donating jewellery in good condition** see Pat Mounsey or Chris Seaman or email Pat at ptmounsey@gmail.com for collection.
- **donating bottles** alcoholic or soft for the bottle tombola. Contact Jonathan Jesty 07802 804824/jjesty@btinternet.com for collection.
- donating cakes for the cake stall: contact Anne <u>e.odling051@btinternet.com</u> or Linda <u>waldrons@ntlworld.com</u>
- **donating raffle prizes**, particularly special and/or larger prizes suitable for children and teens. Contact Rosemary at <u>rbeardow@aol.com</u>
- donating board games, books and jigsaw puzzles for children and teenagers, in good condition to sell. For any age 0-16. Contact Harriet Hide: <u>harrietbush@doctors.org.uk</u> or 07790957990.
- donating plants or seeds to sell (both flowers and vegetables). Contact Ursula: <u>rubar.payne@gmail.com</u>

PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION



Budding photographer? Happy snapper? Why not enter our inaugural Community Day Photograph Competition.

Explore your imagination as we invite you to take a photograph on the theme of "**Journeying**". You could take a photograph of Winchester Railway Station or people running round River Park, maybe people on their way to work, or.....

3 age categories: up to 11 years 12 to 18 years old Adults Judged by an independent professional photographer

Prizes of £25, £15 and £10 for winning entries in each category

To enter:

Submit a black & white or a colour photograph via email to <u>admin@stmatthewstpaul.org</u> by 14th May, along with a title for your photo, your name & your age.

or:

Send your physical photo to: St Paul's Church Photographic Competition 2024, St Paul's Church, St Paul's Hill, Winchester SO22 5AB, with your title, name, age and phone number (in case you win!) to arrive **by 14th May**.

The top entries will be printed and displayed at St Paul's Church on Community Day, 18th May. Prize giving 3pm. Good luck!

