#### A warm welcome to all

#### **Today's services**

**9.30 St Paul's** Family Holy Communion

Hymns 672 Thine be the glory

**386** Let there be love

Take this moment [see flyer]

**766** You shall go out with joy

Readings John 15:9-17

11.15 St Matthew's Holy Communion

Readings 1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17



#### **Services & contact details**

For services and clergy contact details see our website <a href="www.stmatthewstpaul.org">www.stmatthewstpaul.org</a>
The Parish Office is staffed every day by Katy Palacio (<a href="admin@stmatthewstpaul.org">admin@stmatthewstpaul.org</a>)
/ Claire Thompson (<a href="comms@stmatthewstpaul.org">comms@stmatthewstpaul.org</a>) – 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; <a href="mailto:safeguarding@stmatthewstpaul.org">safeguarding@stmatthewstpaul.org</a>).

## Prayer

- Dear Lord, thank you for the blessing of being part of your church family. Please help us constantly encourage and build each other up in your Spirit.
- Beyond Ourselves Community Day. As our Community Day is advertised pray
  that many people will plan to come including people from our parish who have
  not been before and those who wouldn't normally attend any event in a church.
- Remember the unwell in prayer: George Hicks, Mark Miller and Henry Whyte; among the long-term unwell, Amy Hanson and Julia Jones.
- Pray for families and friends of those who have died: Derrick Waters, Kenneth Tuck.

<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 <u>completing one online</u>.

#### **Notices**

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 klvfreeman@aol.com for more details.

Bumps & Babies – Thursdays in term time, 9.15 – 10.30 am at St Paul's Please spread the word about this new group for parents with bumps or young babies. Includes a hot cuppa, cake and conversation with a weekly discussion starter.

**Ascension Day Holy Communion, Thurs 9 May 6pm at St Matthews** Join us for a special Holy Communion to remember and celebrate when Jesus ascended to heaven. All welcome.

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 <a href="here">here</a> or complete a hard copy form at the back of church.

**Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)** The annual meetings including elections of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives, and PCC members will be held on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 at 7.30 pm in St Paul's Church. The agenda and papers are available on the parish website (here), as are the annual report and financial statements for 2023 (here).

Mattins with the Prayer Book Society Sun 19 May 11.15am at St Matthew's National Chairman of the Prayer Book Society, Bradley Smith, will be attending St Matthew's Mattins Service on Whitsunday 19 May. The local branch Chairman of the Society, Dominik Chmielewski from St Cross will also be attending. All welcome.

**Youth group Sun 19 May 5.15-6.45pm** Thy Kingdom Come is a global movement calling all Christians to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost – we will be joining in with the live prayer in our youth group this month. If you're a young person in school years 3-6 & 7-11, please join us! \*Note the change in time to usual!\*

Green communion weekly book group starting 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.

Afternoon piano recital by Jonathan Luff Sun 23 June 2pm at St Paul's Performances by young pianists, with music from Beethoven, Liszt, Debussy and Gershwin. Tickets available online. Refreshments served from 1:30pm.

**Green Group** Members of Green Group have been seeing growing local opposition to the Church Commissioners' plans to develop the abandoned Bushfield Camp military site, instead of returning it to its former natural state. Click to find out more.



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 bill@bill-lucas.com
- **donating jewellery in good condition** see Pat Mounsey or Chris Seaman or email Pat at <a href="mailto:ptmounsey@gmail.com">ptmounsey@gmail.com</a> 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 e.odling051@btinternet.com or Linda waldrons@ntlworld.com
- **donating raffle prizes**, particularly special and/or larger prizes suitable for children and teens. Contact Rosemary at rbeardow@aol.com
- **donating board games, books and jigsaw puzzles** for children and teenagers, in good condition to sell. For any age 0-16. Contact Harriet Hide: <a href="harrietbush@doctors.org.uk">harrietbush@doctors.org.uk</a> or 07790957990.
- **donating plants or seeds** to sell (both flowers and vegetables). Contact Ursula: rubar.payne@gmail.com

# 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 admin@stmatthewstpaul.org 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!

