



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

19 May 2024
Pentecost/Whit Sunday

A warm welcome to all

Today's services

9.30 St Paul's

Holy Communion

Hymns

6 All creatures of our God and King
615 Spirit of the living God
118 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
114 Come down, O Love divine

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

11.15 St Matthew's

Mattins, with visitors from the [Prayer Book Society](#)

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5.15-6.45pm St Paul's

Youth group



Services & contact details

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

The Parish Office is staffed every day by Katy Palacio (admin@stmatthewstpaul.org) / Claire Thompson (comms@stmatthewstpaul.org) – 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; safeguarding@stmatthewstpaul.org).

Prayer

- Dear Lord, please breath new life into us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Whatever our current circumstances, help us trust in you for the future; give us faith to live and move forward according to the promises in your word.
- Beyond Ourselves – Community Day. We give thanks for our Community Day yesterday and pray that those who came into our building for the first time will be encouraged to return for other events.
- 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: John Cronshaw, Kenneth Tuck.

Are you new to St Matthew's or St Paul's? If so, we would love to say hello. Please don't leave today without filling in a welcome card, or completing one online [here](#).

Notices

Sunday singing group today 19 May 7.30-8.30 pm at St Paul's Relaxed, informal singing of beautiful, straightforward music, ancient and modern. All welcome!

Youth group today Sun 19 May 5.15-6.45pm As part of [Thy Kingdom Come](#) prayer initiative 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.

Journeying Together Sun 26 May 6pm at St Paul's Join us for our second monthly evening worship service. We will sing and listen to a combination of contemporary music, ancient hymns and anything in between. We'll hear and reflect on some of our most loved scripture, in stillness or creatively, and pray together.

Introducing Prayers of Love and Faith Sat 25 June 10-11am at St Paul's Find out more about the 'Prayers of Love and Faith', which have been authorised by the Church of England, to ask for God's blessing upon those in same-sex partnerships. The prayers are to celebrate love and to witness to Jesus' welcome for all. The text of the prayers is on the [Church of England website](#). Please [sign up](#) to attend.

Beyond Ourselves – emergency giving The Beyond Ourselves Committee have recently arranged for £1,000 from our emergency fund, plus a further £500 raised from Wednesday Coffee Pot donations, to be sent to [Tearfund](#) and shared between their [South Sudan](#) Crisis Fund and their [Middle East Crisis Fund](#).

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.

School governor vacancy As a church, St Paul's enjoys strong links with Western Primary, our CofE-linked school. The church appoints three governors, and we have a vacancy. The commitment is four evening meetings and one school visit a term, plus training. Please contact current governors Jonathan or Vicki youth@stmatthewstpaul.org

Quarterly magazine Please get in touch with Katy (admin@stmatthewstpaul.org) if you would like to write an article for the parish magazine. The deadline for submissions is Friday 31 May. Final magazines will be available from Friday 28 June.