

Notices (continued):

Bible Studies: following on from our Away Day in January, we will be responding to the 2 value words which people indicated were the most important for us at St Matthews: **'Welcoming'** and **'Inclusive'**, by holding a series of Bible studies in the Hall around this subject:

- Tuesday 11th July 7:30pm - ethnicity
- Tuesday 25th July 7:30pm - disability
- Tuesday 1st August 7:30pm - gender
- Wednesday 6th September 7:30pm - sexuality
- Tuesday 12th September 7:30pm - poverty
- Tuesday 19th September 7:30pm - mental health
- Tuesday 26th September 7:30pm - where do we go from here?

Printed material will be given out at the sessions.

This year we are **celebrating 175 years** of the consecration of the present St. Matthew's Church building. On **Sunday 17th September** we are having a Celebration Service at 10am, led by the Bishop of Manchester, followed by a buffet lunch. We would love to invite all those who have a connection to St. Matthews to our service and lunch. **If you know of anybody who would like an invitation** please can put contact details on the list at the back of church, or speak to Jeannette.

Singing group: are you interested in joining a Gareth Malone style singing group for St Matthew's Church? This will, we hope, come into effect in the Autumn and sing at some of our services. No musical training needed! If you are interested, please speak to Kate or Simon.

Dates for your diary



- July 8th - **Garden Party**
- August 13th - **Parish B.B.Q**
- September 16th - **Gift day and Lunch**
- September 17th - **175th Celebration service followed by lunch**
- October 7th - **Quiz night**
- November 11th - **Charities Fair**

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Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 18th June 2017 The First Sunday after Trinity

Today's Hymns:

- 235 I the Lord of Sea and Sky
- 328 Make me a channel of your peace
- 560 Will you come and follow me
- CD Our God is a great big God

This week's services and events:

Today:

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Worship @ 10
- 12noon Burial of Ashes of Brian Pollitt
- 6:30pm Eucharist with anointing for healing

Tuesday 20th June:

- 9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at Sevenways

Wednesday 21st June:

- 10am Midweek Eucharist followed by coffee in Hall

Friday 23rd June:

- 9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 24th June:

- 10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

Sunday 25th June –

The Second Sunday after Trinity:

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Eucharist

For prayer:

- David and Amy Roche working with CMS in the Lebanon
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran
- Victims of the recent terrorist attacks and those killed, injured or grieving after the terrible fire in the block of flats in London
- Those to be baptized:
 - 20th August – Michael Warren, Alfie George and Lola Dawn (parents Becky and Alex)
 - 27th August – Isla Rose (parents Ashley and Amy)
 - 27th August – Isabella-Grace (parents Andrew and Joanne)
 - 3rd September – Charlie Andrew (parents Andrew and Natalie)

Today's Collect:

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Today's Reading:

Matthew 9: 35-10: 9

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

There is no Post Communion Prayer today:

Next Sunday's Readings:

Romans 6: 1b-11

Matthew 10: 24-39

Notices:

We are sad to pass on the news that **Walter Scott** died peacefully on Thursday (15th June) morning. We will miss him so much.

Women's Breakfast: Sat. 8th July 8:30am to 10:15am at MELVILLE HOTEL. Cost £4, which is the cost of simple breakfast. Please book in advance with Bea (0161 865 0506).

Our Annual Church Garden Party will be on Saturday July 8th from 11am. As usual help is needed:-

- to set up from 9am.
- to man stalls –this can be for any length of time you can give
- to clear up at the end
- in the kitchen and to serve food
- with donations for the stalls, tombola and raffle prizes
- to help buy the food.

Please sign up at the back of church if you can help in any way. Thank you.