

## 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:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm - sexuality
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm - poverty
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm - mental health
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm - where do we go from here?

Printed material will be given out at the sessions.

**But please bring a Bible with you.**

**Regular giving by Standing Order:** Would you like to give to St Matthew's by Standing Order rather than through the envelope scheme? There are forms for this at the back of Church. We are urging you to seriously consider this option.

**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! Our first meeting will be on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 7-8pm** in Church.

**Save our Meadows:** there are plans to develop industrial units/warehousing on the meadows greenbelt area that links Stretford and Urmston. There is a petition form at the back of church to sign to preserve this green space for local residents.

### **Dates for your diary**



August 13<sup>th</sup> - **Parish B.B.Q from 12 noon**  
September 16<sup>th</sup> - **Gift day and Lunch**  
September 17<sup>th</sup> - **175<sup>th</sup> Celebration service**  
**followed by lunch**  
October 7<sup>th</sup> - **Quiz night**  
November 11<sup>th</sup> - **Charities Fair**

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# *Welcome to St Matthew's*

## *Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017*

### *The Feast of the Transfiguration*

#### *of our Lord*

### **Today's Hymns:**

- 486 The Lord is my light
- 82 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
- 447 Sing to God new songs of worship
- 270 Jesus is Lord
- 317 Lord, the light of your love

### **This week's services and events:**

#### **Today:**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist  
followed by ALM's meeting

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August:**

10am Midweek Eucharist  
followed by coffee in Hall  
11am Funeral of Susan Rankin

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August:**

9am Morning Prayer

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August:**

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry  
2:30pm – 4:00pm Visiting bell ringers  
in Church

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August –**

#### **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity:**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist  
followed by Parish Barbecue

### **For prayer:**

- David and Amy Roche working with CMS in the Lebanon
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran
- Those to be baptized:  
20<sup>th</sup> August – Michael Warren, Alfie George and Lola Dawn (parents Becky and Alex)  
27<sup>th</sup> August – Isabella-Grace (parents Andrew and Joanne)  
3<sup>rd</sup> September – Charlie Andrew (parents Andrew and Natalie)  
& Ivy Janet (parents Christopher and Kara)

## **Today's Collect:**

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Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at  
Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our  
cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Today's Readings:**

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### **2 Peter 1: 16-19**

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### **Luke 9: 28-36**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

<sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

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Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and  
save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Next Sunday's Readings:**

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Romans 10: 5-15  
Matthew 14: 22-33

## **Notices:**

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**Coffee morning rota:** there is a new rota at the back of church. If you are able to help by baking, washing up or serving, please do sign up.

**Police Surgeries:** The neighbourhood policing team will be available for you in the Hall to discuss concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour on the following dates.

- ❖ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 11:00 – 12:00
- ❖ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 11:00 – 12:00

Our **Parish BBQ** will be next **Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>** from 12noon: Please sign the list at the back of church to share in bringing food and drinks for our barbecue. Do invite your friends and families along to enjoy this event.

**Visit to a Mosque:** would you be interested? If so please sign the list at the back of church and we will be organising a trip to a local mosque to look around and learn a bit more about Islam and the faith of our muslim neighbours.

**Tower Clock:** We have received **good news** that our faculty application for repairs to the Tower Clock are well on the way to being granted. The next stage is to display a public notice of the work to be carried out (these are now displayed on the notice board and on the Choir Vestry railings for 30 days). Following this the diocesan Consistory Court will grant its permission for the work to go ahead.