

## Next Sunday's Readings:

James 2: 1-17

Mark 7: 24-end

## Notices:

**Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>** will be our **St Matthew's Day Festival:** We have our Archdeacon Karen joining us, and after the service there will be a Bring and Share lunch in the Hall. Please do put this date in your diaries!

**Urmston Choral Society** will be performing here on **Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm.** Tickets £8, with concessions available, from 0161 748 0903. The programme is a Last Night of the Proms with a tribute to World War I Armistice.

**Christmas Fair:** If anyone knows of any charities who may like a stall at the Christmas Fair on **November 10<sup>th</sup>** could you please let Isobel, or Wendy know ASAP.

### The Five Marks of Mission:

- 1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom = **TELL**
- 2) To teach, baptise and nurture new believers = **TEACH**
- 3) To respond to human need by loving service = **TEND**
- 4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation = **TRANSFORM**
- 5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth = **TREASURE**

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# *Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity*

## Today's Hymns:

- 378 O Lord, all the world belongs to you  
73 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
235 I, the Lord of sea and sky  
208 Help us to help each other, Lord  
56 Be thou my vision

## This week's services and events:

### **Today:**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist  
6:30pm Evening Service

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September:**

**NO** Ecumenical Prayers  
7:30pm Deaf/hearing planning meeting

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:**

10am Midweek Eucharist  
followed by coffee and light lunch in Hall

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September:**

Installation of projector

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September:**

9am Morning Prayer

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September:**

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September:**

#### **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist

## For prayer:

- Anne Plested as she trains with CMS for ministry in Bethlehem
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran

## **Today's Collect:**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Today's Readings:**

### **James 1: 17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**