

Notices:

Christian Aid: A very big thank you to everyone who raised money and gave to Christian Aid this year. We have been able to send £536.50 to help with the building of hurricane-proof houses in Haiti. It costs £120 to train a local builder to build such houses.

Confirmation Classes: we hope to run these this summer. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Simon or Kate.

Church garden party: Saturday July 14th 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.
- ❖ loan of gazebos

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

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Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 10th June 2018 The Second Sunday after Trinity

Today's Hymns:

- 62 Blessed assurance
- 201 Have faith in God, my heart
- 378 O Lord, all the world belongs to you
- 289 Kum ba yah
- 180 God's Spirit is in my heart

This week's services and events:

Today:

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 12th June:

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at All Saints

Wednesday 13th June:

10am Midweek Eucharist
followed by coffee and light lunch in Hall
7:30pm Standing Committee meets in Hall

Friday 15th June:

9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 16th June:

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

Sunday 17th June:

The Third Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Worship @ 10 Eucharist

For prayer:

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

Forthcoming Baptisms:

- 1st July – Catherine Lily Johanna (parents Alex and Louis)
- 5th August – Oscar Paul (parents Paul and Vicky)

Today's Collect:

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Readings:

2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ⁵For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3: 20-end

²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

"How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Post Communion Prayer:

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of
your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Next Sunday's Reading:

Mark 4: 26-34