

Notices (continued):

October half marathon - Sunday 14th October:

We have been informed that for the safety of the competitors, the A56 will be closed in both directions outside the Church from 08:30. At 11:30 the north-bound carriageway will reopen but the southbound carriageway will remain closed until 14:00.

One lane of the northbound A56 will be open from the Sale direction up to Barton Road whilst the A56 is closed outside of the Church.

Access to Church by car will be by using Barton Road to reach Chapel Lane and the car park.

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

Confirmation Service: We look forward to Bishop Mark joining us on **Monday 26th November 7:30pm** for the Confirmation of Nic, Murewa, Damilola, Demilade, David and Carly as well as the licensing of Kate as Incumbent and Simon as Assistant Curate.

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 16th September 2018

ST MATTHEW'S CELEBRATION PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Today's Hymns:

- 363 O God beyond all praising
90 Come down, O Love divine
148 From heaven you came
317 Lord, the light of your love is shining

This week's services and events:

Today:

8am Holy Communion
10am Worship @ 10 Eucharist
with Archdeacon Karen
followed by Bring and Share lunch in Hall

Tuesday 18th September:

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers in Choir Vestry
Evening Rehearsal for Urmston Choral
Society Concert

Wednesday 19th September:

10am Midweek Eucharist
followed by coffee and light lunch in Hall
7:30pm Finance Committee meets in Hall
7:30pm Urmston Choral Society Concert

Thursday 20th September:

1:15pm Year 6 Workshop in Church

Friday 21st September:

St Matthew's Day

9am Morning Prayer
9:30am St Matthew's School in Church

Saturday 22nd September:

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

Sunday 23rd September:

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
12noon Burial of Ashes
2:30pm Commissioning of Anne and Syd
as ALMs in Manchester Cathedral

For prayer:

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

Forthcoming Baptism:

- 28th October - Harvey James Peter
(parents Tanya and Adam)

Today's Collect:

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax
collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Reading:

Matthew 28: 16-end

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the
mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but
some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to
them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey
everything that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always, to the end of the
age."

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday's Readings:

James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a
Mark 9: 30-37

Notices:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard
yesterday to make our coffee morning and hot
pot lunch such an enjoyable event once again.

Sunday September 16th: Welcome to our
Archdeacon Karen joining us today. After the
service there is a Bring and Share lunch in the
Hall. Do join us.

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

Fix Universal Credit: if you would like to sign the
petition from End Hunger UK about fixing
universal credit, it is at the back of the church.
Thank you.

Weekly Giving Envelopes: we will soon be
ordering new ones for Advent start. If you would
like to stop using them and go over to a Standing
Order, or begin using them, please speak to Kate
or the church-wardens as soon as possible.

Harvest Festival: We will be celebrating Harvest
Festival on **Sunday October 7th**. Tinned and
packaged goods will be shared between Stretford
Foodbank, the Booth Centre (for the homeless)
and the Refugee and Asylum project in Old
Trafford. If you would like to donate such goods
(or financial donations) then these are what are
particularly appreciated:

- Coffee, sugar, biscuits and squash
- Jam and porridge oats
- Tinned meat, fish, potatoes, veg and beans
- Tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding
- Cook in sauces for pasta and curry
- Pasta and rice