

Notices (continued):

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal: Heather and Rita have put some shoe boxes at the back of church if you would like to make an early start this year!

Have you made your will?: Throughout November participating solicitors are waiving their fee so that you can then make a donation to certain charities (eg Christian Aid, Save the Children, Age UK etc). Please see the back of Church for more details or search Will Aid online.

Hazel and Justine will be holding 'For The Fallen: An Afternoon to Remember' here at St Matthew's Church on **Sunday 11th November at 4pm**. This will be an afternoon to remember those who fell in the First World War with hymns and poetry. Tickets are £5 which include refreshments, available from Hazel (07891561754, hazelgibb@yahoo.co.uk) Proceeds to be divided between the Royal British Legion, Trafford Veterans and St Matthew's Church.

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.

We will be having a celebration **Bring and Share Lunch** for our confirmation candidates on **Sunday 2nd December**. Please do put these dates in your diary to support them.

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Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 4th November 2018 All Saints' Sunday

Today's Hymns:

- 209 Hills of the north, rejoice
- 473 The Church's one foundation
- 464 Take my life and let it be
- 26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
- 336 Mine eyes have seen the glory

This week's services and events:

Today:

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Eucharist
- 3pm Service of Thankful Remembrance

Tuesday 6th November:

- 9:45am Ecumenical Prayers in Choir Vestry
- 7:30pm Deaf/hearing planning meeting in Hall

Wednesday 7th November:

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

Thursday 8th November:

- 6:30pm Confirmation Class meets at Rectory

Friday 9th November:

- 9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 10th November:

- 10am Coffee morning/lunch and Christmas Fair in Hall

Sunday 11th November:

The Third Sunday before Advent/ Remembrance Sunday

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

For prayer:

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

Today's Collect:

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Readings:

Wisdom 3: 1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

John 11: 32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Post Communion Prayer:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:

may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Hebrews 9: 24-end

Mark 1: 14-20

Notices:

Service of Thankful Remembrance: here today Sunday at 3pm. If there are people you would like remembered at that service, please write their names clearly and legibly on the list at the back of church.

Mary Johnson has now moved to a care home near her daughter in Sheffield. If you would like her address to send her a card or Christmas card, please ask Rita or Kate for it.