

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

John 6: 35, 41-51

Notices:

Anne is looking for lego, duple and board games (such as Ludo, Snakes and Ladders etc) for her chaplaincy work at St Matthew's School. If you have such things you no longer need, please speak to Anne.

Pens: We are always running out of pens for the pews (so that people can fill in the gift aid envelopes). If anyone would like to give us some, we would be very grateful! Thank you.

Altar Linen: We are in need of new altar linen: purificators, corporals and lavabo towels. There is a list of what we need at the back of church if anyone might like to make a donation towards buying these items. Many thanks.

Come rain or shine, **the parish BBQ is next Sunday 12th August at 12 o'clock.**

There are lists at the back of church for donations of food and as always any help to set up after church and to clear up at the end would be most welcome. Thank you.

Wednesday Eucharist: there will be **NO** service on Wed 15th August.

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.

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 5th August 2018 The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Today's Hymns:

- 122 Father, Lord of all creation
- 264 Jesu, the very thought of thee
- 518 Thy hand, O God has guided
- 311 Lord Jesus Christ
- 188 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

This week's services and events:

Today:

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Parish Eucharist with
Dean Rogers Govinder
- 12noon Holy Baptism
- 6:30pm Evening Service

Tuesday 7th August:

NO 9:45am Ecumenical Prayers at All Saints

Wednesday 8th August:

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

Thursday 9th August:

11:30am Funeral of Ann Martin

Friday 10th August:

9am Morning Prayer
6pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 11th August:

10:30am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry
11am Wedding of Ollie and Amelia

Sunday 12th August:

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
with sermon on 2nd Mark of Mission
followed by Parish BBQ

For prayer:

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

Forthcoming Baptism:

- 5th August: Oscar Paul (parents Paul and Vicky)

Today's Collect:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings:

Ephesians 4: 1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly,

promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

John 6: 24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**