



**Welcome!**

**Sunday 10 September 2023**

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<b>Sun 10 Sept</b> <b>We welcome</b> <b>Andrew Yelland</b> <b>from</b> <b>'Worldshare'</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	<b>11am United Family Service</b> <i>followed by coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/itm46Vi1q8Y?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/itm46Vi1q8Y?feature=share</a>

**Church open for visitors and prayer Wednesdays 12-3pm**

<b>Mon 11 Sept</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Tues 12 Sept</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom</i>
	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>knit and natter in the church – all welcome</i>
<b>Wed 13 Sept</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.40am Ukrainian support group</b>
	<b>12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space'</b> <i>in the church</i>
<b>Fri 15 Sept</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me is back!</b>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Sun 17 Sept</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>

Morning Prayer zoom information: [tinyurl.com/mr4dd2ey](https://tinyurl.com/mr4dd2ey)

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

We use the 'Daily Prayer' app – it's free: [tinyurl.com/yc88txae](https://tinyurl.com/yc88txae)

**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**





At St. Matthias, one of our values is to be

**'Generous like Jesus'** This year, our regular 'Give to God Sunday' is being extended over a number of weeks to explore biblical teaching about money and giving. We hope that each of us will prayerfully consider what we are able to give. The program of events and teaching is shown below– please try to come to at least one of the special prayer times shown, or commit to praying from elsewhere at those times. We seek to know more of God and his renewing, his plans and provision for us. Don't forget the special Renewal weekend of teaching too!

## **Generous God – Generous People**

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Giving from Compassion**

with Andrew Yelland, from the Christian humanitarian agency 'Worldshare' who we regularly support as a church family. [worldshare.org.uk/](http://worldshare.org.uk/)

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Giving our money part 1**

with briefings about our financial situation.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept Giving our money part 2**

(It is also the ordination of Claire & Ruth at St Paul's Preston.)

## **Special Prayer Times**

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 2pm & 6pm - 7pm**

where we gather to seek to know more of God, his renewing, his plans and provision for us. If you are able to, you may like to fast over those periods to help your praying.

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm Q and A**

with Kevin Francis, the PCC Treasurer, in the Larkin Hall.

### **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct Renewal Weekend**

with Stephen and Janet Dinsmore of 'ReSource' [www.resource-arm.net/about](http://www.resource-arm.net/about)

## **Our Generous God – there's always more!**

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am – 1pm Teaching workshops:

- ✓ **Always more to Jesus**
- ✓ **Always more to the Spirit**

7pm Evening Celebration – **Spiritual blessings in Christ**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October Always more to worship**

- ✓ **8am Prayer Book Communion**
- ✓ **9.30am 'Explore' with breakfast**
- ✓ **11am Holy Communion**

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day**

in gratitude for God's goodness, we're asked to revise the level of our regular giving to the church's work and invited to make special one-off gifts too.

**Bible study guides** 'Generous God - Generous People' available for use by individuals of Home Groups – daily reading and reflection over 35 days.

*And coming up soon:*

**Legacies and Will writing** – *date to be confirmed.*

Helpful general advice from church family solicitors

## Readings

**Matthew 6:19-34** GOD'S WORD Translation

**True Riches** <sup>19</sup> "Stop storing up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust don't destroy and thieves don't break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Your heart will be where your treasure is.

<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is unclouded, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If the light in you is darkness, how dark it will be!

<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. He will hate the first master and love the second, or he will be devoted to the first and despise the second. You cannot serve God and wealth.

**Stop Worrying** <sup>31</sup> "Don't ever worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' <sup>32</sup> Everyone is concerned about these things, and your heavenly Father certainly knows you need all of them. <sup>33</sup> But first, be concerned about his kingdom and what has his approval. Then all these things will be provided for you. <sup>34</sup> "So don't ever worry about tomorrow. After all, tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**1 John 3:16-18** NIV

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

## News & Events

**Girls Allowed on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September @ 7pm in church** – we will be decorating Advent candles to give to families who come to Jollywe'en. All materials provided - plus refreshments! Please join us for an evening of fun, creativity and catching-up. To book please call Judi on 01803 211947. *Andrea, Elaine, Sue, Susie and Judi*

**ROMANS** A new course from the Bible Society. We are hoping several house groups will be looking at this brilliant course which follows on from the Bible Course. If you are not in a house group, you are invited to join the 'in church' group on Wednesdays, starting on 13th September at 10am in the Lounge.

<https://tinyurl.com/yr8j53pv>

**Ordinations:** Ruth & Claire will be ordained as priests at St Paul's Church in Preston on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am**. Do come along to support them both. At St Matthias we're having a said 9am Communion and 'Praise @5.30' that day.

**Transport** Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you can either offer a lift to the ordination or need a lift.

**Help requested** Would anyone be able to help with the refreshments for the ordinations at St Paul's please – it would involve getting there before the service to help set up and then to serve and clear away after the service. If so please contact Pere in the office. Thank you.



**Alpha Course Start date 5 October** – weekly for 8 weeks. If you are interested please speak to John or Paul. It's a great way to explore the Christian faith.

**The Friends Open Mic evening** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you're interested but haven't yet got in touch – we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to us after the service or ring me on 07305 681522 Rob Newman, Chairman of the Friends

**Remembrance Book** in church. Unfortunately we are unable to keep this up to date at the moment. If anyone would like to take this on please speak to Pere in the office.

**Mini First Aid Course Friday 6 October 12.30-2.30pm in the Hall.** For parents, grandparents, carers of babies and young children. Cost £20. To book please contact Lena on 0790 337 6340 or [lenafearnley@googlemail.com](mailto:lenafearnley@googlemail.com)

**Hosting requested** Would anyone be able to offer bed and breakfast accommodation for our Renewal Weekend leaders please – Stephen and Janet Dinsmore for one or two nights Friday 29/Saturday 30 September. Please contact Sylvia. Thank you.

## **Prayer** Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

**Monday** Pray for Claire Reynolds and her family (Al, Joanna and Andrew) as they settle into church life and ministry with us.

**Tuesday** Pray for the church in Manipur (NE India) as racial tension increases between Meiteis (Majority Hindu) and Kukim (majority Christian).

**Wednesday** Pray for an easing of church restrictions and more religious toleration in China following the Pope's visit to Mongolia.

**Thursday** Pray for those who run Food Banks in Britain. Many fear they will need greater resources as winter comes.

**Friday** Pray for the NHS as it continues to face strikes and longer waiting lists – as well as increasing demand for health services.

**Saturday** Pray for university students about to go up to study for the first time - and away from all the usual emotional supports. Pray that Christian students will be courageous to speak of their faith; and that all students will have an openness to Gospel truths.

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