



Welcome!



Sunday 3 September 2023

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Sun 3 Sept

*Welcome to
Claire Reynolds
and family*

8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

9.30am Explore Together *with breakfast!*

10.30am Gather to Pray

11am Holy Communion *followed by coffee and CAKE!*

https://youtube.com/live/IUe7DhhD_iA?feature=share

Church open for visitors and prayer Wednesdays 12-3pm

Mon 4 Sept

9-9.30am Morning Prayer *on zoom*

Tues 5 Sept

9-9.30am Morning Prayer *on zoom*

9-11.30am Toddlers *is back!*

12-1.30pm Matt's Knits *knit and natter in the church – all welcome*

Wed 6 Sept

9am Holy Communion

9.40am Ukrainian support group

12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' *in the church*

7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers *practice in church*

Fri 8 Sept

6.30-8pm Youth Club *is back!*

Sat 9 Sept

10-12pm Coffee Box *on the Piazza*

Sun 10 Sept

8am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

10.30am Gather to Pray

11am United Family Service *followed by coffee*

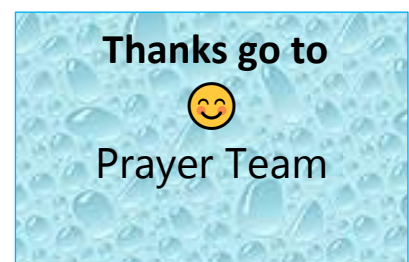
Morning Prayer zoom information: tinyurl.com/mr4dd2ey

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

We use the 'Daily Prayer' app – it's free: tinyurl.com/yc88txae

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
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 & provision for us. Don't forget the special Renewal weekend of teaching too!

Generous God – Generous People

Sunday 10th Sept Giving from Compassion

with Andrew Yelland, from the Christian humanitarian agency 'Worldshare' who we regularly support as a church family.

Sunday 17th Sept Giving our money part 1

with briefings about our financial situation.

Sunday 24th Sept Giving our money part 2

also the ordination of Claire & Ruth at St Paul's Preston

Special Prayer Times

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th 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 25th September 7.30pm Q and A

with Kevin Francis the PCC Treasurer in the Larkin Hall

Sat 30th Sept & Sunday 1st Oct **Renewal Weekend**

with Stephen and Janet Dinsmore of 'ReSource'

Our Generous God – there's always more!

Saturday 30th September

9.30am – 1pm Teaching workshops:

- ✓ **Always more to Jesus**
- ✓ **Always more to the Spirit**
- 7pm Evening Celebration – **Spiritual blessings in Christ**

Sunday 1st October Always more to worship

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

Sunday 8th 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 tbc.

Helpful general advice from church family solicitors

Readings

Exodus 3: 1-15 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, ‘I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.’ ⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, ‘Moses! Moses!’

And Moses said, ‘Here I am.’

⁵‘Do not come any closer,’ God said. ‘Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.’ ⁶Then he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, ‘I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.’

¹¹But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’

¹²And God said, ‘I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.’

¹³Moses said to God, ‘Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they ask me, “What is his name?” Then what shall I tell them?’

¹⁴God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I AM has sent me to you.”’

¹⁵God also said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites, “The LORD, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you.” ‘This is my name for ever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

Also Mark 12:18-27 <https://tinyurl.com/39yx454h>

Prayer

Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Monday Psalm 150 “Praise God in his holy house of worship.” We begin the week praising God for who he is – pause and spend time offering praise to God.

Tuesday “praise him under the open skies;” Give thanks for the beauty of creation and pray for good weather for our farmers at this time of harvest. Pray also for the Ukrainian harvest that it will be released to feed those who are in desperate need.

Wednesday “Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his magnificent greatness;” Pray for those who hold power & those who feel powerless that they will see God’s power at work. Pray for humility & generosity for all political leaders.

Thursday “Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;” Give thanks for those who offer their musical gifts to lead our worship.

Friday “Praise him with castanets and dance, praise him with banjo and flute;” Pray that we will find time and joy in worshipping God each day.

Saturday “Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise him with fiddles and mandolin.” Pray for those who write worship hymns & songs of worship & give thanks for those past and present who enrich our worship and understanding of who God is through the words and music. “Let every living, breathing creature praise GOD! Hallelujah!”

Events

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.

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.



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

The Friends Open Mic evening on Saturday 14th 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

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