



St Matthew's Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 16th September 2018

The Blessing of the Backpacks

Welcome to St Matthew's, which is part of the Wimbledon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark, Church of England. Our services today are:

8am Said Mass and 9.30am All Age Mass

The children stay with us for our worship this morning. The crèche is open for younger children to use but all children must be accompanied.

Opening Voluntary

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Sir Edward Bairstow (1874 - 1946))

Processional Hymn

*NHWS 266 This is the day
(in the booklet)*

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 1.20-23, 2.1-8

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures—then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones.

Second Reading

James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed

and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the Way the Truth and the Life, says the Lord:
no one can come to the Father except through me.

The Gospel *Mark 7.24-end*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

Offertory Hymn

*O God of all learning (t:NEH 237)
(in the booklet)*

Communion Antiphon

The cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ:
and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of the Lord.

Communion Motet

*Lead me Lord
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 1876)*

Lead me Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way straight before my face.
For it is thou Lord only
That makest me dwell in safety.

Lead me Lord, lead me in true holiness,
Teach me to love and trust in Thee.
Thou are our God, the God of our salvation,
All nations shall praise Thy holy name.

(v. 1: Ps 5 v.8, Ps 4, v.8)

Communion Hymn

*NHWS 153 Kum by yah
(in the booklet)*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

*NHWS 71 Sing hosanna
(in the booklet)*

Closing Voluntary

*Sortie in E flat
Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wely (1817 – 1869)*

News and Notices

NEXT SUNDAY: Feast of St Matthew. SIGN UP TODAY to attend our patronal party on Sun 23 Sept. We will be having a guest preacher, a trumpeter, and afterwards going to the oasis that is the West Wimbledon Bowls Club - just behind the church - for a bring and share lunch, some drinks and an opportunity to try out a game of bowls. NB flat shoes on the green – take off your stilettos as you leave church. And also next week...

NEW GOSPEL BOOK COVER! Come and see our new, handmade, totally unique and tailored to St M's church 'Gospel Book Cover'. Don't know what that is? You will next week as it is going to be blessed! It is being made by Eileen Read and is given in memory of Doreen Glead.

ARE YOU 11-16? – Have fun with our Next Generation Disciples (NGD) group. Outings, pizza, guest speakers, discussing interesting stuff, doing important stuff in church, learning about God, making friends – it is all happening. Pick up a newsletter or speak to Steve Davidson, our ordinand.

AUTUMN DATES... Pet Blessing Service: 7 October – Anacondas welcome. We are trying to get a horse – can you help?
Harvest Festival 21 Oct – bring your stuff for Faith in Action Merton
All Saints: 4 Nov (Learn about our Hero!), and All Souls' Service: Tue 6 Nov; Winter Fair: 17 November (the day England are playing Japan, but not RSA, New Zealand or Australia, Phew!). Pick up a leaflet for more details.

NOT CONFIRMED? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! Confirmation classes will start soon. If you are not confirmed and would like to know more about this then please speak to Mthr Helen. Sessions are engaging, thought-provoking and enjoyable. This is for anyone who wants to take this step of faith, ages 11-100.



WEEKLY SERVICES IN THE TEAM

Monday	Daily Prayer		St Mary's 8.45am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
Wednesday	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am St Matthew's 10am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mark's 1.00pm St Mary's 5.00pm
Thursday	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am St Mary's 10.30am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mary's 5.00pm
Friday	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mary's 5.00pm
Saturday	Morning Prayer		St Mary's 12noon

TEAM PRAYERS at St Mary's on Thursday 20th September at 1pm.

PCC MEETING: The PCC is meeting on 19th September at 8pm at St John's.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES MANAGER NEEDED: CFGC are seeking a temporary Manager to run their Charity Card shop in St Mark's Church, from November to Mid December. This is a daily paid position & training can be provided. You would be working alongside a group of volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the shop. Please contact Kathy Hill (Cards for Good Causes, Area Manager) for further information or if you would like to be considered for the role on: 0208 941 2928 or kathy.hill@cfgc.org.uk

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: St John's, 12noon, Friday 28 September. Do come along and help raise money for this wonderful charity.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL: St John's, 1pm, Friday 28 September. 'Inversion' with Ruth Stockdale, flute and Robert Mingay-Smith, Organ hymns, symphonies and sonatas. Coffee and cake served before the recital from 12noon. There will be a retiring collection.

FAURE REQUIEM: 3RD November, at St Mary's, 7.30pm. St Mary's choir & choristers together with the Wimbledon Youth Choir will be performing Faure's Requiem alongside works by Barber, Bainton, Rex and Durufle. Conductor Max Barley. Tickets £10/£15 at door or music@stmaryswimbleton.org

WOC (over 70s choir) and WYC (youth choir) are soon back after their summer break. WOC 3pm on 16/9; WYC 4pm on 23/9.

Please email news items by Wednesday each week to
parish.office@stmaryswimbleton.org
 The Parish Office, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. Tel: 0208 946 2605

Services and Events during the Week

Monday

Tuesday

8.30am

Morning Prayer

9.30-1.00

'All Join In' Toddler Group (Hall)

Wednesday

8.30am

Morning Prayer

10.00am

Said Mass, followed by coffee club

Thursday

8.30am

Morning Prayer

1.00pm

Team Prayers, St Mary's

Friday

8.30am

Morning Prayer

5.45pm

King's College School Choral Evensong

Next Sunday

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST MATTHEW

Readings: Proverbs 3.13-18; 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13