



The Sunday Sheet *for* St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Sunday 21st September 2025

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the **Parish Eucharist**
An induction loop is provided.*

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

Entrance Hymn

Christ is the one who calls,
the one who loved and came,
to whom by right it falls
to bear the highest name:
and still today
our hearts are stirred
to hear his word
and walk his way.

Christ is the one who seeks,
to whom our souls are known.
The word of love he speaks
can wake a heart of stone;
for at that sound
the blind can see,
the slave is free,
the lost are found.

Christ is the one who died
forsaken and betrayed;
who, mocked and crucified,
the price of pardon paid.
Our dying Lord,
what grief and loss,

what bitter cross,
our souls restored!

Christ is the one who rose
in glory from the grave,
to share his life with those
whom once he died to save.
He drew death's sting
and broke its chains,
who live and reigns,
our risen King.

Christ is the one who sends,
his story to declare;
who calls his servants friends
and gives them news to share.
His truth proclaim
in all the earth,
his matchless worth
and saving name.

Timothy Dudley Smith 1926-2024
Tune: Love unknown

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

The Priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence.

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners.
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus you plead for us at the right hand of the Father.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you and set you free from sin,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Tune: Woodlands

The Collect

Let us pray:

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please Sit

2 Corinthians 4. 1-6

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim

ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please Stand

*Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to his name.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to his name.*

Donald Fishel b.1950

Tune: Alleluia No. 1

Matthew 9. 9-13

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ

The Homily

Please Sit

The Affirmation of Faith

Please Stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Intercessions

Please Sit

Appropriate responses may be used, for example

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us:

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please Stand

We are all citizens with the saints and belong to the family of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who came and preached peace to those who were far away and to those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

Offertory Hymn

Glory to you, O God,
for all your saints in light,
who nobly waged and won
the fierce and well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life outpoured
by fire and sword
for Christ their King.

Thanks be to you, O Lord,
for saints your Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live

your life and speak your word.
Unnumbered they
whose shining light
informs our sight
from day to day.

Lord God of truth and love,
'Your kingdom come', we pray;
give us your grace to know
your truth and walk your way.
Your will be done
here on this earth,
till saints in earth
and heaven are one.

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt 1902-1983
Tune: Harewood

The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.
We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord Jesus Christ,
who came not to call the righteous, but sinners:
grant us so to repent of our sins and to turn our hearts to you,
that we may be made welcome in the feast of your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who called his apostles and sent them out
to preach the good news,
to heal the sick, to restore the lost
and to announce the coming of your kingdom,
that all may know the redeeming power
of his death and resurrection.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.**

**And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ;
because on the night he was betrayed he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,
Drink this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that we may be filled with your life and goodness
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Please Sit

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

We sing

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The sacrament is administered with these words:

The body of Christ. **Amen.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.

If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.

Hymn at the end of Communion

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life. *Sing through 3 times*

Silence is kept

The Sending Out

Please Stand

Post Communion Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love. And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rowley 1854-1952
Tune: Hydrydol

Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Come and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Fellowship on Saturday 27th September at Rhandir Mwyn, Alt Goch, Trefnant LL17 0BW. 10.30-1.30. Funds to go entirely to provide new cassocks for the Cathedral Choir. Tickets £6.00 from June Hamilton or Angela Roberts. Mobile. 07554 958563.

Pilgrimage-Lite. The route is to follow the North Wales Pilgrim Way. The aim

is to involve those in the Mission Area who are not strong walkers, who are interested in pilgrimage, but couldn't manage 10/12 miles in a day. The dates are as follows:

Saturdays 27th September, 4th October, 11th October, 18th October, 25th October and on Sunday 26th October gather and pray and 9.15am and walk to the Parish Church for the 9.30am Eucharist. Further info from Dave Bradley: 07876732922
davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk

Music & Discussion. Come and listen to songs full of passion and provocative ideas connected with or expressing faith. The music will be the lead into faith-based discussion. At the Parish Church at 7.30pm on 25th September, 2nd & 9th October, 13th, 20th & 27th November. Further info from Dave Bradley: 07876732922
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The Mothers' Union opening Eucharist will take place at the Parish Church on Wednesday 24th September at 2.30pm. All are welcome!

Food4Thought Lunch starts again on Thursday 25th at 12noon at the Parish Church. All welcome!

Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday 5th October with services at the usual time. The Harvest Lunch will take place at the Parish Church on Thursday 2nd October at 12noon at the Parish Church.

Kentigern Guild meetings resume at St.

Asaph Parish Church at 2.30pm on
Wednesday 1st. October with a talk on
Scapa Flow by Peter Robinson form
Rhyl RNLI.

The Week Ahead

22nd Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

23rd Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Toddler Group *at the Parish
Church*
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

24th Wednesday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
2.30pm MU Opening Eucharist *at the
Parish Church*
6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

25th Thursday – Cadoc

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish
Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish
Church*
12noon Food4Thought Lunch
at the Parish Church
5pm Evening Prayer

26th Friday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)
6pm Choral Evensong

27th Saturday – Ember Day

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

28th Sunday – Trinity 15

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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