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ST MATTHEW

21st September 2025

HYMNS

Introit 54

Gradual Psalm Antiphon (Ps 113)

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

Offertory 625

Communion 429

Recessional 252



COLLECT

Loving God, Jesus called Matthew the tax collector to be one of the twelve: give us the grace to leave selfish gain and the love of possessions behind, that we may follow in the way of your Son.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Matthew, 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.

FOR OUR PRAYERS: Tony, Daniel & family, Michael, Elizabeth, Maria, Maureen, Samantha

RIP: Derek Padwick

IN REMEMBRANCE: Jane Davis, Ivy Ackland, Lynn Wickes

DUNCAN PATTERSON-BANKS

A funeral service will be held for Duncan at 09.30 on **Thursday 2 October** at Hither Green Crematorium. Anyone who would like to attend this short service is very welcome to join Richard who will be presiding.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This year's coffee morning will be **Friday 26 September, 10:00 - 15:00**. As usual we will need lots of help to make it the success it always is so if you can give some time, cakes, coffee-making skills, please can you tell Denise!



HARVEST 2025

There will be a Bring & Share lunch to celebrate Harvest after the service on **5 October**. Please add to the list what you are able to contribute to the meal.



WORKS

We have refreshed and updated the Labyrinth garden and will be replacing all the lights in church with LEDs in the coming weeks. Both of these projects have been made possible by the legacy left by Margaret Exley. Once again, we thank her.

FILM NIGHT

Our next meeting to discuss a film will be **Thursday 25 September at 19:30** when we'll talk about *Conclave*.

Our future meetings will discuss:

23 October *Life of Brian*

27 November *First Cow*



WAR MEMORIALS

There are three War Memorials at St George's. One (WWI) brought from St Paul's, one from St George's with many names of WWI deaths, and one of St George's casualties from WW2. They've now been photographed and transcribed, so please let me know if you might have a relative you'd like to trace or you're interested in the history of this area.

Janet Killeen



PARISH WEEKEND AWAY

We will be spending the weekend of **Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November** at Wychcroft, near Godstone. The cost will be £205 per adult and £103 for children, those under 5 are free. If you've not already indicated that you would like to come, please speak to Richard.

OCTOBER LUNCH CLUB

Our next meeting will be

Wednesday 1 October. Sign up list available now!



DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting is scheduled for

Thursday 2 October. Recent attendance has been very low. Please let Richard know if you expect to come.



HEALING AT TUESDAY EUCHARISTS

On the first Tuesday of the month, our 10:30 eucharist will be a healing service.

At which the laying on of hands and anointing will be offered. Our next one is **Tuesday 7 October.**



REFLECTIVE EVENING PRAYER

Our monthly evening service is the second Sunday of the month. Our next one is **Sunday 12 October** at 18:00.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22 September

Church: 19:00 - Meditation group

Tuesday 23 September

Church: 09:30- Morning prayer

Church: 10:30 - Eucharist

Church: 18:00 - Brownies

Wednesday 24 September

Hall: 18:00 - Cubs, 20:00 - Scouts

Studio: 19:30-20:30 - Yoga class

Thursday 25 September

Hall: 18:15 - 19:15 - Beavers

Church: 19:30 - Film Night

Friday 26 September

**Church: 10:00 - 15:00 - Macmillan
Coffee Morning**

Saturday 27 September

Church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

Studio: 11:00-12:00 - Yoga class

Studio: 14:30 - 15:30 - Outside group

Sunday 28 September

Church: 10:00 - Parish Eucharist

Studio: 14:00 - 16:00 - Outside group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 1 October

Church: 13:00 - Lunch Club

Thursday 2 October

***Hither Green Crem: 09:30 - Duncan's
funeral***

Church: 19:30 - Discussion Group

Sunday 5 October

**Church: 10:00 - Harvest followed by
Bring & Share lunch**

NT: 2 Corinthians 4: 1 - 6

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.



GOSPEL: Matthew 9: 1 - 13

¹And after getting into a boat he crossed the water and came to his own town. ²And just then some people were carrying a paralysed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.' ³Then some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.'

⁴But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? ⁶But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he then said to the paralytic—'Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.' ⁷And he stood up and went to his home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

⁹As 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.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'