

Newsletter

21 & 28 September 2025



St Matthew 21 September

St Michael and All Angels 28 September

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Services for Sunday 21 September 2025 14 after Trinity Creationtide

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside and preach: Revd Daniel Mullaney

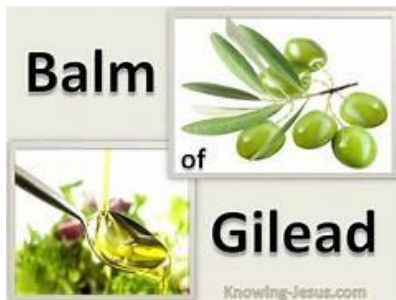
St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach: Revd Mike Dyson

Services for Sunday 28 September 2025 15 after Trinity Creationtide

St Paul's 10am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Revd Daniel Mullaney

St Andrew's 11am **Holy Communion** preside and preach Revd Avis Gordon

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Readings for Sun 21 Sept

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

(1) *Balm in Gilead*

Luke 16: 1-13

(2) *Servant of two masters*

Readings for Sun 28 Sept

Jer 32: 1-3a, 6-15

(3) *Jeremiah buys a field*

Luke 16: 19-end

(4) *The rich man and Lazarus*

Wed 24 Sept: Psalm 103: 1-6; Luke 9: 1-6 Wed 1 Oct Psalm 137:1-6; Luke 9: 57-end

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Here is the second in our series of Jewish festivals. The next one to be celebrated is **Rosh**

Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. It is a major two-day holiday celebrated in autumn- 23 September this year. It includes a service in the synagogue that begins with the sounding of the shofar, an instrument made from the



horn of a ram. Everyone repents of their mistakes in the past year and resolves to do better

in the new year. Common foods include apples dipped in honey and challah bread. Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of what are known as the High Holidays, the Ten Days of Repentance or the Days of Awe, which conclude on



Yom Kippur. It is said that on Rosh Hashanah, God opens the books of life and death. The righteous are inscribed in the book of life, and the unrighteous in the book of death. You have 10 days to make sure your name is on the right page. On Yom Kippur judgments are finalized, and the books sealed.

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The month of September is regarded by many Christian Churches as **Creationtide** or the Season of Creation. There was an ancient belief that God created the world on its first day. At the start of the Old Testament the writer of the book of Genesis sets out our responsibilities as humans created by God in his image to take care of the world in which he has placed us. In Genesis 1, God's first instructions to the humans he has created is how to manage the world in which they live. Adam's first job was to care for the Garden of Eden in which God had placed him. We don't own the earth: we have stewardship over it. This means that we safeguard it on behalf of its Creator: 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in



it' says the psalmist in Psalm 24. In recent years we haven't done a good job of stewarding God's creation: we've destroyed natural habitats by cutting down the forests and draining the wetlands; we have polluted the land and the sea with rubbish like waste plastic which will never go away; we have continued to burn fossil fuels even after we knew what effect that would have on climate change. We have just had the hottest summer ever in this country, but that doesn't stop us contributing to global

warming. We need to reduce our carbon footprint and move towards more sustainable living. As Christians we need to set an example in this area: the church is now taking a role in this through initiatives like Eco Church, for which we have the bronze award here at St Paul's. We look now to the next generation, our young people, to redress some of the wrongs committed by the older generation and work together with other nations to save our planet and our way of life before it is too late.



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Prayers We pray for God's healing for those in our church family who are unwell at this time. We pray for peace in the Middle East and the Ukraine, and for all seeking to find a solution to conflict in these areas. We pray for Daniel as he prepares for his new post, and we pray for discernment for those who are tasked with the role of appointing a new Rector.

A prayer for Creationtide: *Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

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News and events

Bible study returns! New series on '**Divine encounters: how God calls his people**' beginning on **Tuesday 23 September** at 7pm in St Paul's Social Area.

Daniel's leaving event: as part of the Bible study on 30 September, we will be saying farewell to Daniel and family. Join us to hear Daniel's last talk- about Moses -and enjoy coffee and cake together. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, see David or Anthea.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Wednesday 1 October 11am at St Paul's. Join us to help raise funds !



The Creationtide season ends on Sunday 5 October with an All-Age Harvest Celebration at St Paul's and a Harvest service at St Andrew's.

Next 2 weeks

Tuesday 23 September: Time Out 1.30pm Teddy Bears' Picnic- favourite childhood toys

Tuesday 23 September: Bible study 7pm St Paul's: Abraham and obedience to God's call

Wednesday 24 September: 10am at St Paul's: Holy Communion with Revd Daniel Mullaney

Thursday 25 September: Worship Planning Group 7pm 32 Moor Lane

Friday 26 Sept-Monday 29 Sept: Parish weekend away to Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands

Saturday 27 September: Seven Churches Walk. Join with colleagues from our Mission Community churches to walk between all seven churches in one day, starting at **St Paul's at 9.30am**. Refreshments at each church. Let Revd Steve Williams know if you are coming on st.gab.prest@gmail.com Poster in church with approx. times. Do as little or as much as you can!

Tuesday 30 September: Daniel's last day with us. Come along to say farewell at our **Bible study** at St Paul's at 7pm. Enjoy prayer, study, fellowship and farewell cake and coffee.

Wednesday 1 October: 10am at St Paul's: Holy Communion with Revd Mike Dyson and **Macmillan Coffee Morning** at 11am.

Friday 3 October: St Paul's School Harvest Celebration St Paul's Church 9.30am

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