

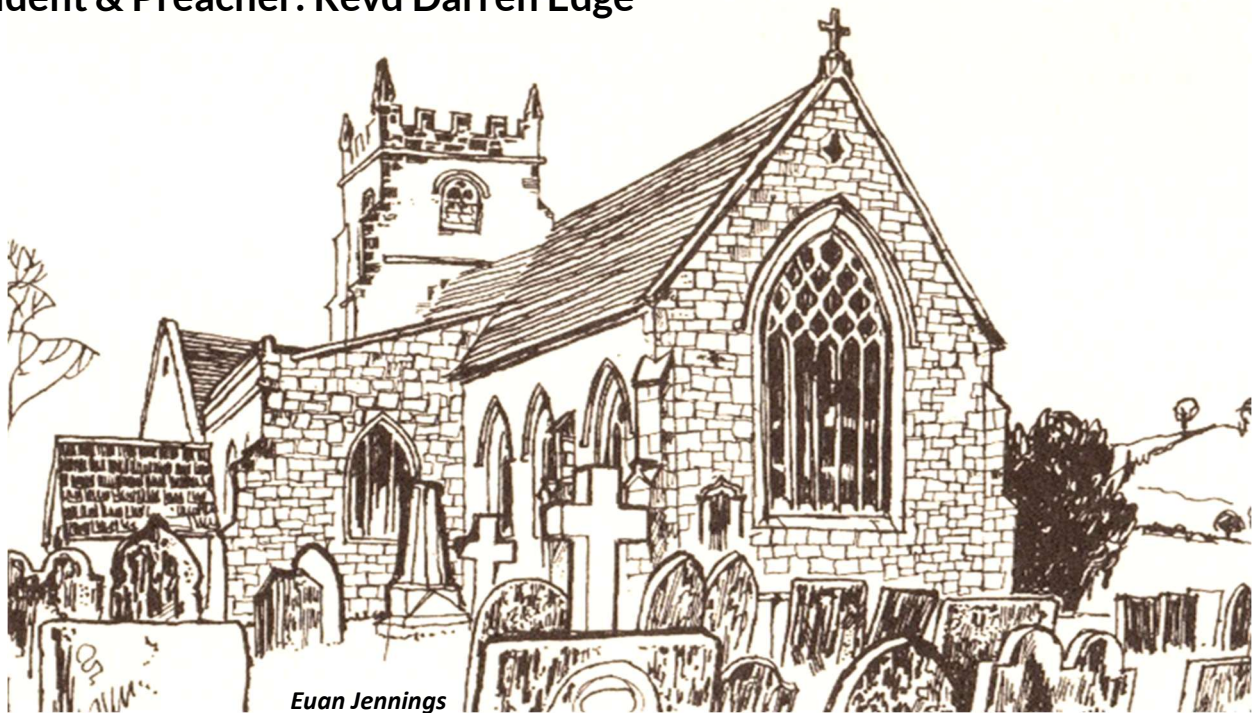
Pew Sheet

Sunday 21 September 2025

11am Joint Choral Eucharist

Feast of Saint Matthew

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CHEDDLETON

Welcome!

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning,
as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church.
Please don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson
if there is anything you need.

Please do come and join us in the
Choir House for refreshments after the service.

History & Points of Interest

Our church dates back to the late 12th century
and was built using local Cheddleton stone.

The Sanctuary refurbishment and re-ordering
of much of the church was undertaken in the
late 1860s largely supervised by the
churchwarden of the time, Sir Thomas Wardle,
and his wife, Lady Elizabeth. Sir Thomas enjoyed
a close collaboration with William Morris, which
resulted in the large number of beautiful
treasures that we hold, including most of the
stained-glass windows.

The triptych behind the altar is of special
interest and was loaned to the Victoria and
Albert Museum for six months.

During the 1972 renovations of the sanctuary,
two lead coffins, believed to contain monks
from Dieulacres, were discovered and remain
there today.

The belfry contains six bells, dating from 1632
to 1864. Tours of the church and tower are
available by appointment.



A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'.

If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known
to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

Hymns

Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard

Opening Hymn	473
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord	
Gradual Hymn	312
Jesus Calls Us	
Offertory Hymn	249
Take My Life, and Let It Be	
Communion Hymn	97
Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound	
Recessional Hymn	148
At the Name of Jesus (<i>omit * stanzas ii, vi, vii</i>)	

Collect

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.

Proverbs

3.13–18

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Psalm
119.65-72

65 You have dealt graciously with your servant,
according to your word, O Lord.

**66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge,
for I have trusted in your commandments.**

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.

**68 You are gracious and do good;
O Lord, teach me your statutes.**

69 The proud have smeared me with lies,
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

**70 Their heart has become gross with fat,
but my delight is in your law.**

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
that I may learn your statutes.

**72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me
than a hoard of gold and silver.**

Readings continued

2 Corinthians

4.1-6

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings continued

Matthew

9.9-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus 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.

Thoughts & Prayers

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families,
and the wider school community.

Prayers have also been asked for **Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Sheila, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe and Ester Young.**

We remember those who have died:
David Hill and Peter Owen.

Prayer Requests

If you know of anyone in need of prayer, please let the vicar or any church officials know, so that they can be included in our prayers.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Today's Team

President & Preacher	Revd Darren
Readers	Pam & Andrew M
Organist	Howard
Duty Warden	Mary
Server	Sandie
Sidesperson	Pam
Intercessions	Claire
Refreshments	Pam

Thanks also to our wonderful bellringers.

What's On

Monday
22 September

No Morning Prayer
Funeral of Peter Owen 11:30am

Tuesday
23 September

No Morning Prayer

Wednesday
24 September

No Morning Prayer
Bell Ringing Practice 7:15pm

Thursday
25 September

Choir Practice 7pm

Friday
26 September

No Morning Prayer
No Holy Communion

Saturday
27 September

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Sunday
28 September

Parish Eucharist 11am

Sunday
5 October

Parish Eucharist 9:15am

Notices

Poppy Making Workshop: 4 October 10:30–12:30

Sally Frewer is holding a poppy making workshop in the Choir House. All are welcome to join! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please bring wool if you have any, Sally will bring extra just case though. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to come along.

Harvest Service: 12 October, 3pm

We are excited that we will be joined for our harvest service this year by our friends from St Edward's CE Academy. There will be some delicious food roasting on the barbeque for us all following the service.

*Please note that there will be **no morning service** on this day.*

Confirmation Service

+Matthew Parker, Bishop of Stafford, will be coming to Leek on Sunday 16 November for the annual Team Confirmation service.

Confirmation offers us a moment of assured encouragement and strength on our Christian journey, as we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you would like to know more about confirmation, or know someone who might like to be confirmed this autumn, please speak to Revd Henry.

Exploring the Heart of the Christian Faith

This year, the Church celebrates the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed – an attempt by early Christian communities (in the year 325) to define what it meant to be a Christian.

Using the Nicene Creed as a starting point, Revd Henry will be leading a six-week course this autumn, inviting us to explore some of the key beliefs and practices that stand at the heart of our faith in a relaxed, encouraging setting.

All are very welcome!

Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church if you would like to take part.

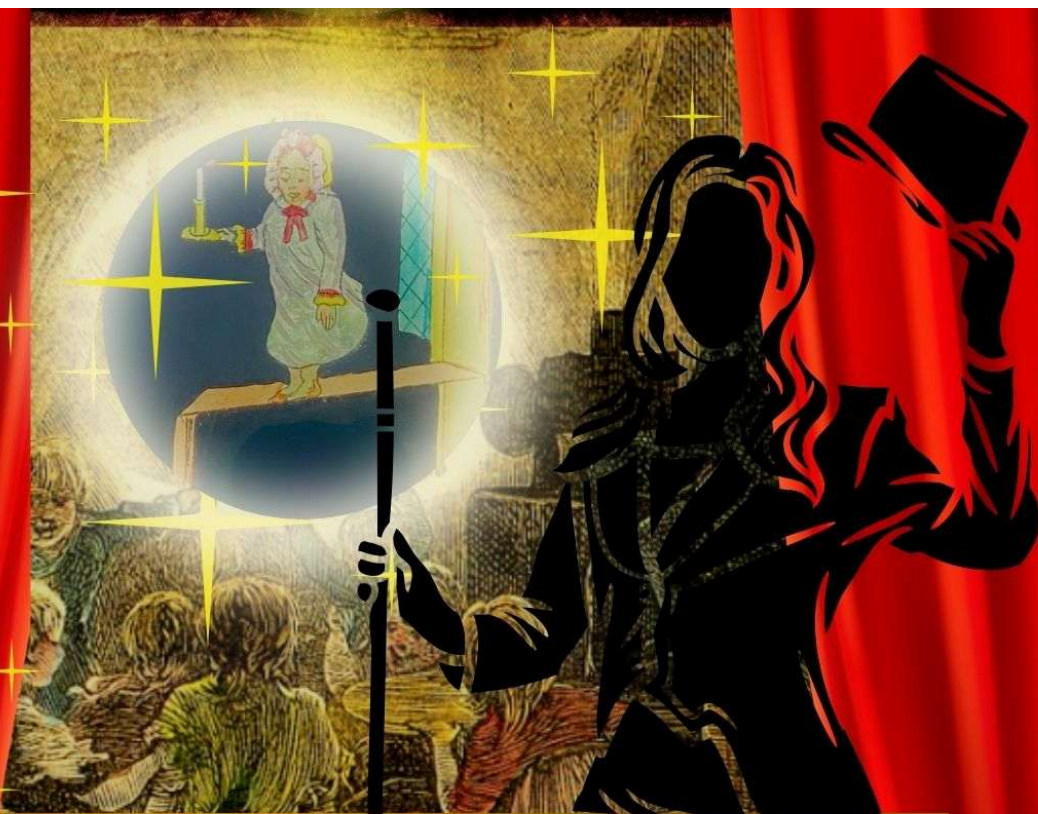
Joint Parish Summer Retreat

Do remember to put your name down on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to go to Mirfield on the joint parish retreat next summer. It promises to be a very special (and nourishing!) occasion!

Fundraising
Event

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A VICTORIAN HARVEST

Saturday 11 October 6pm
Cheddleton Community Centre

Traditional 3-Course Meal
&
Magic Lantern Show
with Brian Morris

An evening of indulgence, wonder,
and heartfelt laughter!

More Information/Tickets

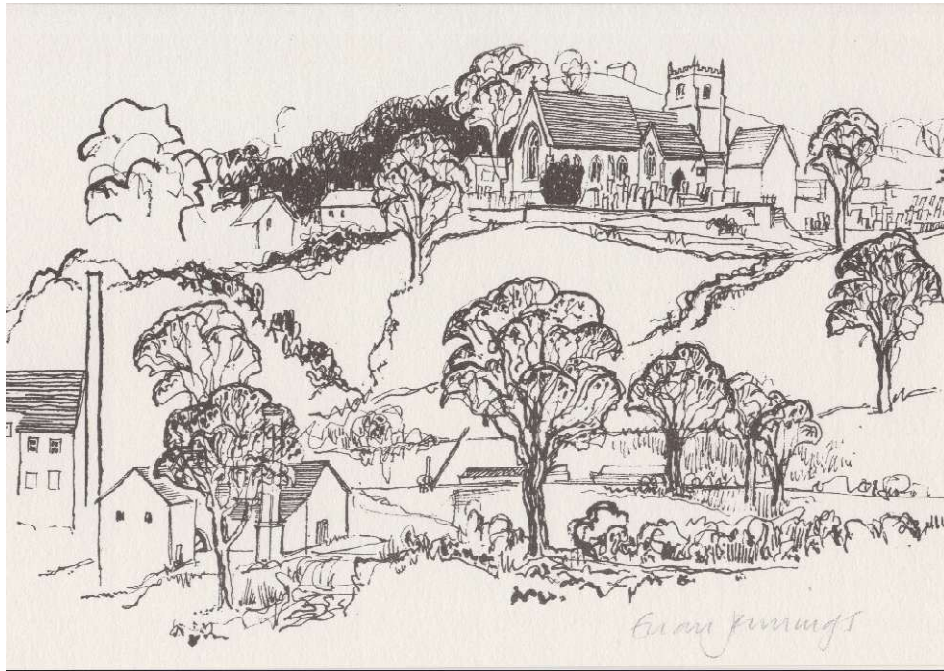
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Thank you for joining us today;
we look forward to seeing you again soon.

A list of forthcoming services can be found on page 9.

Donations towards the upkeep of our beautiful church
and our work among the community can be made online:

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