

# Pew Sheet

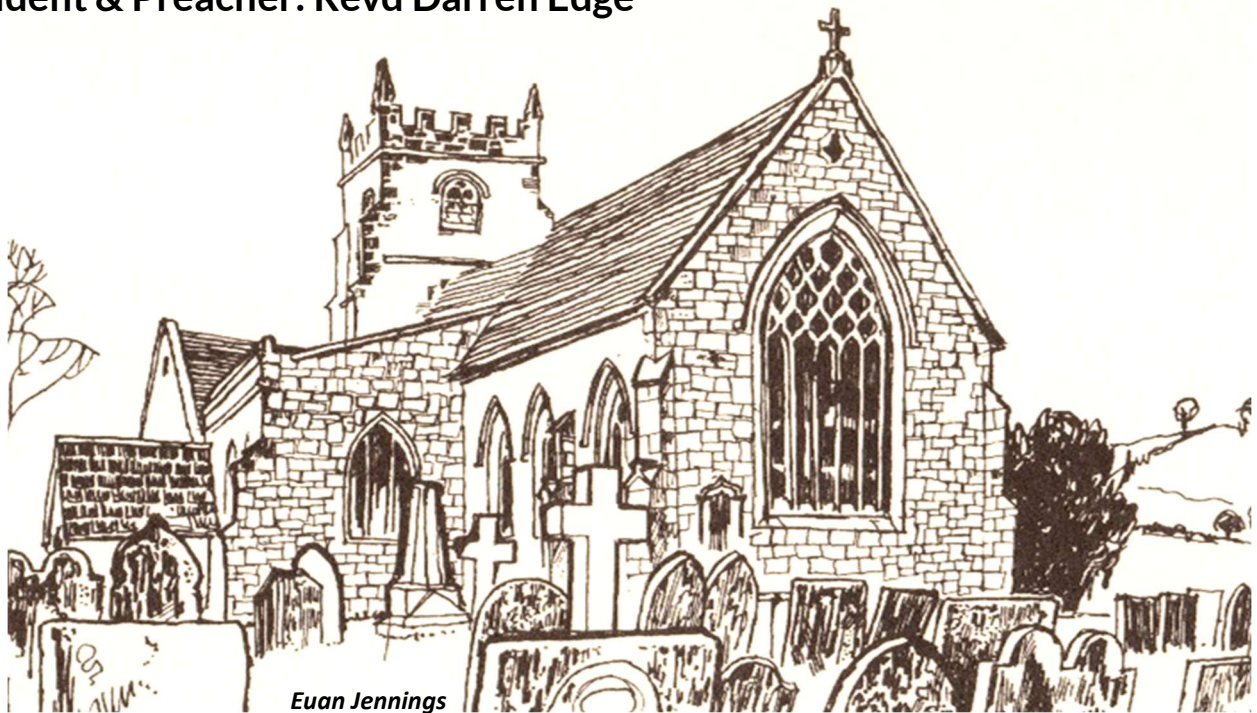
Sunday 21 September 2025

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11am Joint Choral Eucharist

Feast of Saint Matthew

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**ST EDWARD'S**  
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# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>473</b>
I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord	
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	<b>312</b>
Jesus Calls Us	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>249</b>
Take My Life, and Let It Be	
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>97</b>
Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>148</b>
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**

On Saturday 4 October at 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.

## **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 1700<sup>th</sup> 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

Organised by

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Cheddleton



# 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

<https://FOSECCHarvest.eventbrite.com>

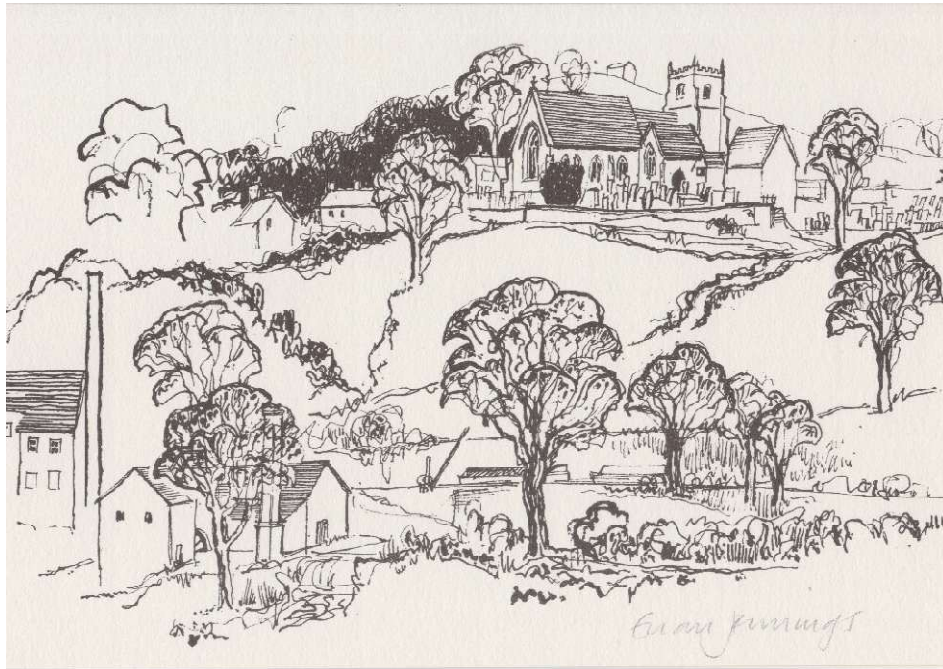
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Thank you for joining us today;  
we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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

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and our work among the community can be made online:

<https://givealittle.co/c/stedwards>



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