

ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES
Holy Trinity, Bottisham; St Mary's, Quay; St James', Lode;
St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck; St Mary's, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 21 September – St Matthew the Apostle, Green

9am
10.30am

Online service
Holy Communion
Harvest Festival

on Zoom
Swaffham Bulbeck
Bottisham

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- All in need of God's healing power including: Martin, Roger, Eileen, Enid, Jutta, David, Linda, Lydia, Iris, Derek, Lesley, John, Alun, Janet, Margaret, Corinne, and others known to us personally. Giving thanks for those who have been on this list, have recovered and are grateful for our prayers and God's grace
- In thanksgiving for the lives of the recently departed. Those whose passing we remember at this time of year
- For all suffering from debilitating, progressive or terminal illnesses and those who care for them including MacMillan nurses
- For the people of Gaza, and especially Gaza City
- Those seeking employment as the jobs market shrinks

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Play + Praise** – Weekly in term time in church; Fridays in Lode, 9.30am; Baby and Toddler Playgroup on Tuesdays in Bottisham, 9am
- **Peaceful and Prayerful Art Group** – St James' Church, Lode Fridays 3, 10, 17, 24 October 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- Thursdays 10:30am – 12:30pm Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham
- **CbyC: a short contemplative service:** Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm on Zoom – Next: **Wednesday 1 October**
- **Bible Study/Prayer Groups**

Home Study Group, monthly on first Monday, 10.30am Mike Procter, mike@procter.com new members welcome
Home Study Group, twice a month on Wednesdays, 10.30am, contact Maggie Field 01223 604019 for information
Bible Study, meet twice a month, 7.30pm contact Liz Butler for more information, lizbutl@gmail.com

Harvest Festivals

28 September, 3pm - Quay
9 October, 11am – Lode + lunch

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 28 September - fifteenth after Trinity

9am Online service, on Zoom
Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Bulbeck
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior
3pm Harvest Festival, Quay

Sunday 5 October - sixteenth after Trinity

9am Online service, on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham
4pm Village Worship, Quay Village Hall

Sunday 12 October - seventeenth after Trinity

9am Online service, on Zoom
Holy Communion, Quay
10.30am Family Worship, Swaffham Prior

Every Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

EVENTS

Friday 26 September – MacMillan Coffee Morning

10.30-12noon, The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End,
Swaffham Prior – all welcome

Sunday 28 September – Revd Rhona's last day – please come along to morning services to wish her well for her move to Norfolk.... there will be cake in Swaffham Prior!

Saturday 4 October – Harvest Supper – Village Hall, Swaffham

Prior, 6.30pm – food, drink, quizzes, entertainment, Fair Trade hamper raffle, in aid of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior and Mara Projects; pay what you can afford; take-away available; booking forms: mandy@kingsmills.uk or St Mary's church.

9–12 October - Harvest Festival - St James' Lode

Thursday 9 October - Harvest Festival Service, 11am
Harvest Lunch, 12.30pm; £10 01223 811457/ 811222

Saturday 18 October – Quiz Night - Village Hall, Swaffham

Prior, 7.30pm; jacket potato supper; £7pp
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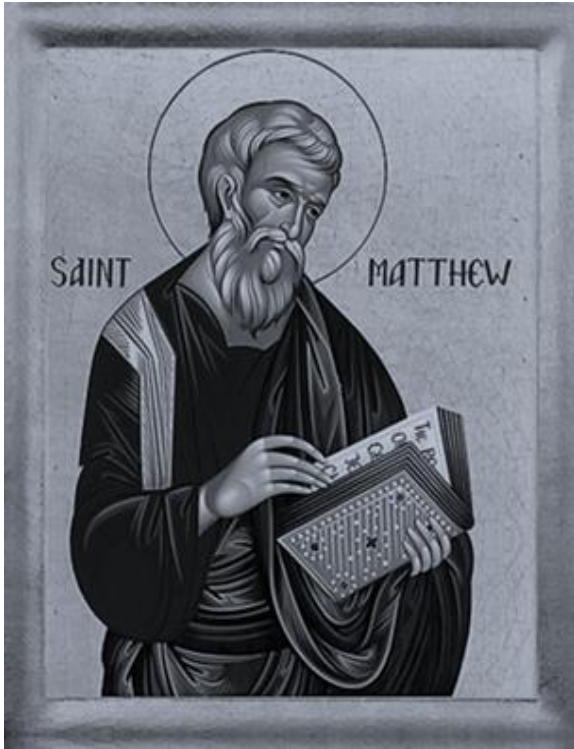
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Readings for Sunday 21 September – Year C



Psalms 119 65-72

- 65 You have dealt graciously¹ with your¹ servant, ♦
according¹ to your¹ word, O¹ Lord.
- 66 O teach me true under¹standing and¹ knowledge, ♦
for I have¹ trusted in¹ your com¹mandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I¹ went a¹stray, ♦
but¹ now I¹ keep your¹ word.
- 68 You are gracious¹ and do¹ good; ♦
O¹ Lord, ¹teach me your¹ statutes.
- 69 The proud have¹ smeared me with¹ lies, ♦
but I will keep your commandments¹ with my¹
whole¹ heart.
- 70 Their heart has become¹ gross with¹ fat, ♦
but my de¹light is¹ in your¹ law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have¹ been af¹licted, ♦
that¹ I may¹ learn your¹ statutes.
- 72 The law of your mouth is¹ dearer to¹ me ♦
than a¹ hoard of¹ gold and¹ silver.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now ♦ and shall be for ever.
Amen

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.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament - Proverbs 3 13-18

¹³Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, ¹⁴for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. ¹⁵She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. ¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 4 1-6

¹Since 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 9-13

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.'