

Sunday 21st September 2025 WEEKDAY SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Paul's
WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion at St John's
	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Modwen's
THURSDAY	12 noon	Holy Communion at St Paul's
SATURDAY	10.00am – 12 noon	St Modwen's open for Coffee and private prayer

notes:

- 1 A Confirmation service has been booked for January at St John's. Anyone wishing to be confirmed, please contact Fr Simon
- 2 Harvest Festival – Sunday 5th October – donations of non perishable foods for Reconnect foodbank
- 3 Ploughman's Lunch – Tuesday 7th October 12 noon – 1.00pm
- 4 Christmas Shoe Box – boxes available at the back of the church
- 5 PCC meeting – Thursday 2nd October 12.45pm

On our parish prayer list we remember Monica Srinivasan, Carolin Ellis, Jean Towler, Terry Harrison, Simon Lesley

THE DEPARTED- Michael Johnson

From the Anniversary of Death book we remember Norma Totty, Elizabeth Yates, Nigel Payne, Keith Gooding, Derek Ward, Philip Chambers

Clergy contacts:

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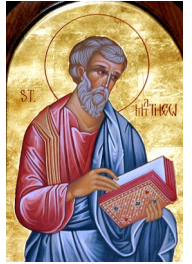
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Welcome to
The Church of St Paul Burton upon Trent

Sunday 21st September 2025
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
[Proper 18]
Saint Matthew



Collect

O almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, who with untold mercy were pleased to choose as an Apostle Saint Matthew, the tax collector, grant that we, sustained by his example and intercession, may merit to hold firm in following you

10.45am Sung Mass

Reader: Mike Mear

Prayers: John Woolley

Offertory: Alfredo

Hymns

Introit 415

Eternal light shine in my heart (t.Warrington)

Gradual 328

The Son of God proclaim (t.Mount Ephraim)

Offertory 444

God is working his purpose out (t.Benson)

Communion 485

Jethe very thought of thee (t.St Agnes)

Final 372

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (t.Engelberg)

Date	Reader	Intercessor	offertory
28 th Sept	Sue Ganley	Pat Dawson Maureen Woolley	Svetlana

THE CHURCH IS OPEN MOST DAYS 10.30am – 4.00pm

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.

Psalms 119.65-72

Response : Happy are those who find holy wisdom

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. [R]

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 [R]

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. [R]

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. [R]

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Since it is by God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Matthew 9.9-13

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[a] in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting[b] 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.'