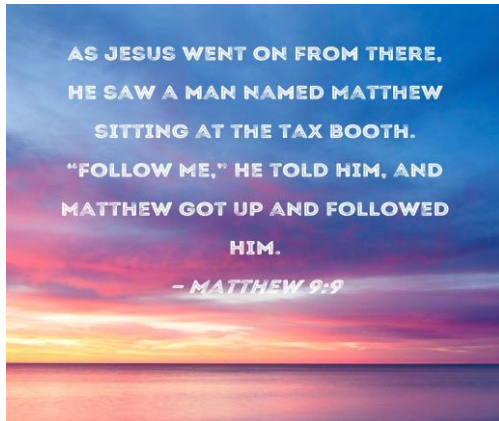


# Welcome to Wombridge, The Church in the Park



**Sunday 21 Sept 2025**  
**14th Sunday after Trinity**  
**Service today**  
**Holy Communion 11.00am**  
Lectionary Readings for today:  
Proverbs 3: 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4: 1-6  
Matthew 9: 9-13  
Psalm 119: 65-72

## Collect for St Matthew the Evangelist

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.

This week we ask for your prayers for those living and working in Uplands Ave, Abbots Close, Walton Court, Village Way, Village Close. Please contact Margaret Afford, Tel 01952 419826 9.30am – 12 noon, or email wombridgeparishchurch@outlook.com with any personal prayer requests.

## **Sept Services**

**28th: 11.00am** Family Service, Harvest Celebration

## **Oct Services**

**5th: 4.00pm** Holy Communion

**12th: 11.00am** Family Service

**19th: 11.00am** Holy Communion

**26th: 11.00am** Family Service

There is also a short Morning Prayer meeting each Wednesday at 9.15am.

## **Harvest Praise**

On Sunday 28 September, we are holding our Harvest Praise service at 11.00am, when we have the chance to thank God for His goodness towards us by sharing in His generous bounty. This year we shall be supporting Water Aid as our overseas project, and the local Foodbank as our local project. Wombridge folk have always been generous in supporting this event. There will be a plate for monetary donations to Water Aid, separate from the usual offertory plate; and a time during the service itself when gifts of produce, tinned foods and toiletries can be brought forward and donated. The Church decorating team will be busy as usual during the Friday beforehand preparing their stunning displays.

### **Flyers showing service patterns and future events**

There will be a supply of flyers on the table at the back of Church with our service pattern on them and also upcoming events. For regular members, we will see these dates in the notice sheet; but these flyers are to give out to friends, neighbours and to people coming to events to provide further information about what is coming up, and hopefully therefore retaining and then building a connection with them. Also, if you live in the Parish and notice someone new moving in, it could be useful to pop one through their letterbox or to hand to them. Thanks everyone. *Wombridge PCC*

### **St Eata's and lunch**

A group of us enjoyed a lovely outing last Tuesday; firstly to St Eata's Church in Atcham, in a beautiful setting on the banks of the River Severn, where we were warmly welcomed with a cuppa, explored the beautiful church and in a short talk from the Church Warden we learned many interesting facts about St Eata and the Church named after him. Then on to the Corbet Arms at Uffington where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and drinks. *From the Social and Outreach Team*

### **Pastoral Care/Transport**

Offering a lift to attend church if you do not have transport has always been one of the caring things that members of Wombridge church have done for each other. If you are in need of transport please reach out to Chris or Margaret and they can arrange for someone to pick you up and take you back home again.

### **Open Day visitors**

Although we did not welcome any Riders and Striders to Church on Saturday, we did welcome 10 visitors to the Church for the Open Day. Prayer candles were lit and prayer requests were written, so they will be included in our prayers in Church this Sunday. It was especially wonderful to welcome Cath and Douglas Davies - what a lovely surprise! Thank you to everyone who visited or helped on the day. *Social and Outreach Team*

### **Children's Society**

It is again the time of year to return the home collection boxes for The Children's Society so that donations can be counted and forwarded to the Society. Please bring to church as soon as you are able to do so. *Many thanks, Eileen.*

### **Church Spring Clean - can you lend a hand?**

The Church Spring clean date is Saturday 25th October 10am to 4pm. There is a list in Church for anyone who can spare even half an hour as it really is a case of every little helps. Thank you. *Wombridge PCC*

### **Receiving wine at Holy Communion**

At the recent PCC meeting, the method of receiving wine at Holy Communion was discussed. Some people have asked about being able to drink from the common cup instead of receiving a wafer ready-dipped into the wine. From this week the intention is to offer both forms, so there will be an assistant holding the common cup from which to take a sip standing near the clergy member and you will need to indicate which form you wish to receive. You may receive the wafer dipped by the clergy in the wine (intinction), **but it is not recommended to dip your own wafer due to potential health risks from fingers contaminating the wine. Please note that Bishop Michael has banned this practice.** It is also possible for you to receive in one kind only, ie either wafer or wine. **Anglican teaching is that to receive the sacrament in one kind only, is to receive the sacrament in its entirety.**



The altar flowers this week are sponsored by Anne Staples in loving memory of her husband Alan.

### **Safeguarding**

Please be aware that there is now a dedicated email address for reporting safeguarding concerns. [wombridge.safeguarding@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:wombridge.safeguarding@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk)

**The Newsletter for the East Telford Benefice** can be found at [easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](http://easttelfordbenefice.co.uk), then click on the links near the top of the page. There is always plenty to read about and lots of useful information.

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