



The Benefice of Watchet and Williton

Sunday 21st September 2025

14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



This Sunday is the feast day of St. Matthew, apostle and Gospel writer.

Matthew was a tax collector and because of this was despised by the Pharisees. When he was called by Jesus, Matthew threw Jesus a feast in his house, where tax-gatherers and sinners sat together with Christ and His disciples.

As one of the twelve apostles, Matthew followed Jesus, heard his teachings, and witnessed his life, death, and resurrection. After Jesus's ascension, he dedicated his life to spreading the message of salvation, as Jesus commanded his disciples to do.

Jesus chose as one of the foundations of the Church, a man others thought was not holy enough for the position. But Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognise truth when he saw Him. *"And he got up and followed him" (Matthew 9:9b).*

Matthew's life serves as a powerful example of God's mercy and the potential for even the most outcast individual to achieve holiness.

Today's Worship and Readings

St Peter's, Williton. 9.15 am. **Harvest Festival with communion.**

Please bring dry goods and tins that will be given to the Quantock Foodbank after the service.

St Decuman's Watchet. 10.45am. Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 4: 1-6, Matthew 9. 9-13

The Collect

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 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 forever. Amen.

Next Sunday – 28 September

St Peter's, Williton 9.15am

St Decuman's Watchet. 10.45am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion.

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Alternative collect:

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dates for the week ahead:

Saturday and Sunday, 20th & 21st September

At Holy Cross Chapel, during the '40s Weekend', we will be serving war-time sandwiches and teas, as well as our usual delicious home-made cakes and scones.

Tuesday 23 September	9.30 am	Little Saints, Meeting room. Williton
Wednesday 24 September	10.00am	Hobby group at the meeting rooms. Williton
	10.00 am	Little Saints, Salvation army hall, Watchet
Thursday 25 September	10.00	CAMEO at St Peter's. Williton
Saturday 27 September	3.00pm	Campfire Church, Salvation Army Watchet

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 1 October	9.45 Holy Communion at the Sanctuary Watchet. 7.00pm AGM Quantock Foodbank. Church centre Nether Stowey
Sunday 5 th October	Choral Evensong 3pm. Stogumber Church
Friday 10 October	Watchet community choir. 7pm. St Peter's Church. <i>Come and support the choir and St Peter's church fundraising. Donation of £5 suggested. To include refreshments .</i>
Saturday 18 October	Campfire Church.
Sunday 19 October	3pm. St Peter's Church. Deanery Festival Service. <i>All welcome to this service which will celebrate our Deanery and its Rural setting and links. Guest speaker and refreshments.</i>



Prayers for the benefice: Each week we join with our friends from all the local churches in praying for a local road or street. This week it is The Esplanade Watchet. Pray for God's blessing on those who live and work there.

Please note the prayers for the Deanery are now available on the Website.

This year the annual **Deanery Festival service** is to be held at St Peter's Church Williton on **Sunday 19 October at 3pm.** We gather to meet as a Deanery and to celebrate our rural links. Please come and support this and represent our Benefice.

Watchet Community Choir

Fundraising event at St Peter's

Come along and support St Peter's!

10 October 7 pm £5 suggested donation

To include refreshments.

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