



The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,  
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton



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### **Sunday 21 September St Matthew**

*CW Lectionary 2 Cor. 4. 1-6; Matt. 9. 9-13*

10:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

*Hymns: Hymns: 593 (omit \*vs), 487, 671, 454 (choir), 510*

*Prayers for healing are usually available after the service in the side chapel in St Mary's*

10:30am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

6:30pm Harvest Festival St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 289, 290, 104, 105*

*Please bring an offering to the Harvest Festival Service for the Foodbank (no fresh food please!)*

#### **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.

#### **Post Communion**

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.

#### **For your thoughts and prayers**

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Mary Andrews, Diane Whitford, Ann Lockyer, Jean Harding, Anne Clarke, Michael Giddings and Shirley Lynch.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Doreen Lay, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

### **READING 2 Cor. 4. 1-6**

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.

### **GOSPEL Matt. 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 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.'

### **Monday 22 September**

2:00pm – 3:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Swimming for Memories' at RiversMeet Leisure Centre.

### **Tuesday 23 September**

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club, Hardings Lane. This week's activity will be Art with Maxine.

7:30pm St Mary's PCC meeting in St Mary's Church

### **Wednesday 24 September**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Men's Group at Rawson Court

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

### **Thursday 25 September**

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Music For You' at St Martin's House, Queen Street with Tattie Bogle.



### **Friday 26 September**

9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group in St Mary's Church

2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Sing-a-Song of Praise' at Fern Brook Lodge

### **Saturday 27 September**

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

### **Sunday 28 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)**

*CW Lectionary 1 Tim. 6. 6-19; Luke 16. 19-end*

10:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am Matins St Nicholas Church, Silton

10:30am Holy Communion St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

10:30am Harvest Festival St George's, Langham

3:30pm Harvest Messy Church Vicarage School Room

#### **Sunday 28 September – 10:30am Harvest Festival at St George's, Langham.**

St George's will be collecting for the Foodbank and would appreciate any contributions on the day to decorate the church and to help those who are in difficulty.

#### **Sunday 5 October – 12:15 for 12:30 Harvest Lunch in the Vicarage School Room.**

Ploughman's lunch, pudding and a glass of cider for £10 per head, children free. We are asking for volunteers to entertain us. You can sing, recite a poem, tell jokes, anything. Please sign list on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church to enable us to have numbers for catering (tickets will be available next week). Please speak to Anne Marsh for the open mic entertainment. Kate Wickson will be looking for bakers to produce apple crumble for the pudding. For any other information please speak to Steve Butler.

**Eden Café – On Wednesday 1 October**, there will be an opportunity to purchase a variety of handmade craft items by J K Hall including cards, notelets and bags. Commissions also taken. A donation from each item sold will go towards St Mary's Church Funds.

#### **Cleaner Needed – St Nicholas Church, Silton**

A vacancy for a cleaner has arisen at St. Nicholas Church Silton where services are held every week. Ideally, would suit a local person looking for a few extra hours a month (4-6 approx.) Hourly rate £15-00. Please contact Peter Williams (Churchwarden) 01747 840275

**St. Simon & St. Jude 100 Club September Winners:** 1st John R Case, 2nd Louise Cotter, 3rd Rosemary Cox