*Second Reading 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 Acclamation* **Alleluia, alleluia!** Go and make disciples of all the nations **Alleluia!**

*Matthew 9.9-13*

9 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. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ 12 But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

*Post Communion Prayer*

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.

**The Parish of Whitby with Ruswarp**

**Sunday 21st September**

**St Matthew**

9.30am Eucharist at St Hilda’s

11.15 am Eucharist at St John’s

11.15am Eucharist at St Mary’s

Monday 10.00am Celtic Prayer at St Mary’s Tuesday 10.00am Eucharist at St Hilda’s

Thursday 10.00am Eucharist at St John’s

Friday 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Hilda’s

2.00pm Celtic Prayer at St Hilda’s

Saturday No service at St Mary’s

**Sunday 28th September**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

9.30am Eucharist at St Hilda’s

11.15 am Morning Prayer at St John’s

11.15am Eucharist at St Mary’s

We will holding a special collection for **the Christian Aid Middle East Humanitarian Appeal** services as part of our Harvest celebrations

Please take one of the special envelopes and bring a donation to church . Christain aid is encouraging churches to *Draw a red line for Gaza* to show that enough is enough as people suffer through others’ aggression. So if you can please wear something red on that Sunday

**Evening Prayer**

Evening Prayer is normally said on Zoom at 5pm on most weekdays and 6pm on Saturday and Sunday and available on Facebook afterwards For a link to the Zoom services and Study Group please email Fr Michael

**The Blessing of the Boats**

will be on Sunday21st September at 2.00pm at Whitby Lifeboat Station. All welcome

**Celtic Morning Prayer September 22nd at 10am in St Mary’s with a** Creationtide theme

**Coffee Morning at St Hilda’**s

Tuesday 23rd September 10.30am to Noon.

Offers to bake cakes would be much appreciated and very helpful! Just as often as you are able. Please have a word with Sue Murray

**Celebration of Lay Ministries service at York Minster on 27th September at 10.30pm**

during which Suzanne Shute will be recognised as an Authorised Lay minister. All welcome. If you’re able to come please let Suzanne know so the Minster has an idea of numbers for refreshments afterwards. Please remember Suzanne in your prayers and all those being authorised and Licensed for ministry. We shall also recognise Suzanne’s ministry at St Hilda’s on the 28th September

As a number of us will be at this service there will no Eucharist at St Mary’s on 27th September

**Hope and Light**

Journeying with faith and hope in a time of loss. The next meeting is on 20th November **from** **11am until 1pm** at St Hilda’s Priory

**Goth Weekend**

We will be hosting a number of events at St Mary’s on Saturday 1st November during the Whitby Goth Weekend. There will be refreshments in the bell tower while the church is open a special service at 5pm in the evening. If you would be willing to help either by baking cakes or offering time on the day please speak to Fr Paul or Fr Michael

Leaflets about the **2026 Free Will** offer to the York Diocese are available`. They show how this contributes to the cost of ministry and what is hoped for each parish to have a stipendiary priest. The PCC will be deciding on our offer at a meeting on 24th Sept. Please let members have any views. Our current offer is £37, 000 though we also receive extra funding as the parish is classed as a low income Community

Many thanks to Jenny Hill and all the performers in the recent **concerts at St John's.** They were extremely successful and enjoyable and raised over £1300.

**Car Parking passes** for St Hilda’s are now available please see Suzanne Shute

**Readings for next Sunday: Harvest** Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Philippians 4:4-9, John 6:25-35

Please include these people in your prayers:

*Those who are sick:* Nona Laughton, Amanda, Margaret Clarkson, Peter Cannon, Carol Mitchell, Daphne Tindale, Grant Smith, Mark Oates, Laura Smith, Edwin Gobbett, Pam Barton Richard Thomas, Gerry Angel, Roger Dalladay, Brian Thomas, , Tracy Gregory, Anne Donaghue

*Departed* Pat Storr, Charles Arnett, Alan Booth Lorraine Young, Catherine Durnford

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*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.

*First Reading Proverbs 3.13-18*

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

*Psalm 119.65–72* **(R.) Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commandments**

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