

## Sunday 21 September St Matthew

### 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. Amen.

### 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

### 2 Corinthians 4.1–6

Therefore, 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 Reading

#### 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 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.

### Post Communion

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.  
Amen.



## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your  
presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

*A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Or **Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1**

## PSALM Psalm 113

**R** *From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.*

Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants of the Lord,  
O praise the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
from this time forth and for  
evermore. **R**

From the rising of the sun to its  
setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.  
The Lord is high above all nations  
and his glory above the heavens.  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
that has his throne so high,

yet humbles himself to behold  
the things of heaven and earth? **R**  
He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ashes,  
To set them with princes,  
with the princes of his people.  
He gives the barren woman a place in  
the house  
and makes her a joyful mother of  
children.  
Alleluia. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.*

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from

me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

## 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.





## Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

**Diary Dates for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 onwards**

Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>TRINITY 14/ST MATTHEW</b>		
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St G</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> <b>Welcomer:</b> Darrell <b>Crucifer:</b> SylviaC <b>Readers:</b> Paul & LindaM <b>Intercessions:</b> Derek <b>Coffee:</b> Stella & Sue
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>St M</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am 5.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.15pm 7.15pm	SH <b>Zoom</b> MH SH MH SH	Say Aphasia <b>Evening Prayer</b> Brownies Rainbows Guides Youth Group
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am <b>10.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b> 1.30pm 6.30pm 8.00pm	SH <b>LC</b> MH <b>LC</b> MH MH	Coffee Pot <b>Parish Eucharist</b> Fun and Free <b>Evening Prayer</b> Cubs and Beavers Karate
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.15am</b> 9.30am 3.30pm	<b>Zoom</b> MH MH	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Phonics with Robot Reg Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30am</b> 10.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>St M</b> SH SH MH SH	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Thursday Club Art Group Clubbercise Charter Band
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.00am	MH SH	Karate Private Let
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TRINITY 15/St Michael &amp; All Angels</b>		
	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>St M</b> <b>St G</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> <b>Parish Eucharist</b> <b>Welcomer:</b> Margaret <b>Crucifer:</b> David <b>Readers:</b> Joceline & SylviaC <b>Intercessions:</b> Gioia <b>Coffee:</b> SylviaE

**St G = St George's, St M = St Margaret's,**  
**MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall,**  
**SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel.**

**No Evening Prayer this week!** Both Rachel and Gioia are away at a Clergy Conference from Tuesday until Thursday.

**Safeguarding Training:** Thank you to all those who attended the training sessions.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**

**We pray for:** Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Andy, and children, Sarah, Paul, and children.

**Recently Departed:** Robin Pugsley and Andrew Russell

### Hymns at St George's:

689 Thy hand, O God, has guided  
752 Would you come and follow me  
29 Amazing Grace  
503 O Jesus I have promised

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Children, youth and families review and future planning 7.00pm onwards, all are welcome

**Community Conversation on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am until 2.00pm:** About the Rest Garden (by Grange Road Roundabout). Please pop in and have a chat and share ideas!  
Contact: [sue@gloscommunitybuilding.co.uk](mailto:sue@gloscommunitybuilding.co.uk)

**Pets Service – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Bring your pet or soft toy along to St George's for a blessing in this special service.

**Harvest Meal, 6.00pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** Tickets are £15 each to include a Sherry reception, bring something to drink. Contact Sylvia or Helen to book, there are only a few spaces left!

**Christmas Craft Fair – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November; 12.00noon until 3.00pm:** See Darrell or Rachel to book a table please spread the word! Your donations of bottles for the Tombola and prizes for the Raffle will be gratefully received from this Sunday onwards. Please note we are not running a Bric-a-Brac stall this year.

**Foodbank:** There is a green collection tray at the back of St George's Church. This week the Foodbank are in URGENT need of: **LONG-LIFE MILK & FRUIT JUICE (not chilled), TINNED POTATOES and PACKET MASH.** Thank you.

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