

# Saint Matthew

21<sup>st</sup> September 2025



## A service of the Word

### 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.

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### **Proverbs 3: 13-18**

**Jacqui**

13Happy is the man who finds wisdom,  
And the man who gains understanding;  
14For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver,  
And her gain than fine gold.  
15She is more precious than rubies,  
And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.  
16Length of days is in her right hand,  
In her left hand riches and honour.  
17Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
And all her paths are peace.  
18She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,  
And happy are all who retain her.

### **2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Pauline**

1Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. 2We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

3If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. 4Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

5You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. 6For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Matthew 9: 9-13

## **Phil**

9As 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.

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

## Music

### *Complete Anglican*

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## Notices

### Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

### Compline

There won't be a Compline service for the next three weeks. We will begin again on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### Quiet Morning – 13<sup>th</sup> September

A last call if you would like to attend next Saturday. Please let Fr Alex know today.

### Dates for your diary

MacMillian Coffee Morning 27th September 11am at St Michael and All Angels church.

Harvest supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Christmas Fayre at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Advent course

More details in due course but make a note of the dates of an Advent course exploring the theology/doctrine in some popular advent hymns. Each Monday starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and finishing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10.30am (for around 75 minutes) at St Michael & All Angels church.

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October and will be taking a collection of dried food products offered during the service to support the work of Birmingham City Mission's food bank.

### Creationtide 2025

The church annually sets aside a period of time which is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. This year Creationtide runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> September until the 4<sup>th</sup> October. There is a simple prayer activity available at the back of church to help us enter more fully into this important season. Please take one, stick it on your fridge ticking off the prayers as you complete them.

### Harvest supper and Beetle Drive

If you would like to attend the Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church by the **28<sup>th</sup> September at the LATEST**. Jacket potatoes will be available with a choice of three different fillings. You will need to indicate the filling that you would like on the sheet to ensure that St Michael's caters properly. As there won't be a dessert you will need to bring your own along with any drinks that you would like (there will be tea, coffee and squash).

## **Prayers**

### **Saint Benedict's church**

Lord, you work through all things for good. We hold before you our funding bid to conduct a feasibility study on the church hall. May the deliberations and outcome enable us to do your will more fully, serving more deeply those who live in Bordesley.

### **Saint Cyprian's church**

Thank you for the blessings that flow through the buildings that we have access to. Clear our sight and build up our will so that we may both see and commit to all that you would have happen with the Memorial Hall.

### **Saint Michael & All Angels church**

As Harvey Road pre-school return after a summer break, we pray for those children who will come to pre-school for the first time and for the new staff that they may find the change freeing and inspiring.

### **Saint Mary's church**

As The new initiative of Bishops Michael and Esther begin, may we all take time to pray and particular hold five people in those prayers, that we know need your loving support.

### **Prayers at St Cyprian's church**

**We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for ....**

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman.

**We remember those who have died in faith... Irene Abbots and for those whose years mind is in September ... Alice Ryder, Caroline Briggs, Betty Saunders, Mabel Saunders, Colin Bentley, Linda Partridge**

## Sing with all the saints in glory

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,  
sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness we, awaking,  
know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,  
never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
there on high our welcome waits.  
Every humble spirit shares it;  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices;  
Jesus lives, who once was dead.  
Join we now the deathless voices;  
child of God, lift up your head!  
Patriarchs from the distant ages,  
saints all longing for their heaven,  
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,  
all await the glory given.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders  
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,  
saints shall stand before the throne!  
O to enter that bright portal,  
see that glowing firmament;  
know, with thee, O God Immortal,  
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!