

This Week's Notices

Bible Study Group

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on Friday, 26 September at 2.00pm in the Choir Vestry
Rosemary Pickles

Harvest Social Evening

Tickets for Harvest Social are now available from Peter Duke priced £10. If you have a dietary requirement, eg gluten free, please make Peter aware when purchasing your ticket. Thank you.

Babies & Toddler Group - COME AND PLAY - Flyers

We are looking for Parents, Grandparents or Carers with new babies or toddlers up to 4 years old to join us at our group on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Rooms. **If you have relatives or friends with young children please pass our flyer onto them** They will be made very welcome with tea and biscuits and the children will have the opportunity to socialise with others and play in a large warm safe space. Thank you Janice Vause

Craft Group

We meet fortnightly in the Parish Rooms on Mondays at 1pm - 3pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, 22nd September. All welcome.

Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who made cakes or biscuits for our gathering after Sunday School last week. It was really appreciated. Also a very big thank you to everyone who has donated books with bible stories for the children to use during our sessions, again very much appreciated. Our next meeting is on Sunday, 12th October.

Mothers' Union Christmas Meal

Please note this is to be held at Fairhaven Golf Club on **Monday 8th December** and not a Tuesday as in previous years. If you would like to join us, please view the Menu choices, sign the sheet in the blue MU folder at the back of church. Please return your choices and full cash payment to Sheila Dodd or Kath Hall as soon as possible but no later than Sunday 16th November. The cost is £26 for 2 courses or £32 for 3 courses.

Dates for your Diary:

27th September	Harvest Social - Parish Rooms
13th to 20th December	Christmas Tree Festival
30th January 2026	Parish Dinner - Glendower Hotel

If you are unable to go to the altar to receive your Holy Communion or a blessing, then please speak to a sidesperson who will arrange for you to receive in your pew.



NOTICES for next Sunday's Pew Sheet should be with the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY NOON at the latest. Notices handed in after this may not be included.

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Welcome



St Annes Parish Church
Sunday, 21st September 2025
St. Matthew

Our Worship & Diary for this Week

Today	Parish Mass Choral Evensong & Benediction	10.30 am 4.30 pm
	<i>Anglo-Catholic Network</i>	
Monday	Low Mass	12.00 noon
	<i>Those suffering from addiction</i>	
Tuesday	Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily Bell Practice	10.30 am 7.00 pm
	<i>Church musicians</i>	
Wednesday	Low Mass Holy Confirmation - Bishop Philip	9.00 am 7.00 pm
	<i>Those being confirmed</i>	
Thursday	Low Mass Choir Practice	6.00 pm 7.00 pm
	<i>Against heresy</i>	
Friday	Low Mass	9.30 am
	<i>Residential Theological Colleges</i>	
Saturday	No service Harvest Social in the Parish Rooms	6.00 pm
	St Vincent de Paul	

Services & Readings for Next Sunday

Sunday, 28th September 2025
Parish Mass & Holy Baptisms - 10.30am
Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

Morning: First Reading - Amos 6: 1a 4 - 7
Second - Timothy 6: 6 - 19
Gospel - Luke 16: 19 - 31

You are all very welcome to join us for tea & coffee after the service. This is served at the back of church.

Collections & Donations

A collection is taken during the service, but if you prefer you can make an offering or donation up to £20 via text
Text SAPC (amount) to 70085, eg SAPC05 for £5
For cash on the Collection Plate, taxpayers please use the yellow Gift Aid envelope.

Collect & Readings for Today

Hymn 264, Jesus calls us!

Kyrie & Gloria See order of Service

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*

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.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 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.

Gradual Hymn 571, Take my life

Gospel *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.'

Offertory Hymn 313, Who are these

Sanctus & Agnus Dei See order of service

Communion Hymns 510, Light of the minds
384, Jesu, thou joy

Motet Lord, give me faith - Kathleen Robson

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 Angelus

Dismissal Hymn 537, O Jesus, I have



Choral Evensong

Introit	Locus iste - Anton Bruckner
Psalm	129
OT Reading	Proverbs 31:10 - end
Office Hymn	539, O Lord of hosts
NT Reading	Matthew 6:19 - end
Anthem	Ubi caritas - Orla Gjelø
Hymn	344, Day is done

We warmly welcome you all here today.

Please do introduce yourself after the service or complete the card in the pew and hand to one of our sidespersons. Please don't worry if children make a little noise, there are toy bags at the back of church for younger children and you can always use the choir vestry where there are books & toys.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN (4+), THERE ARE LITURGY BAGS. THE BAGS CONTAIN A CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICE BOOKLET WITH ACTIVITIES LINKED TO THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SERVICE

Toilets and changing facilities are available through the choir vestry at the back of church. Our churchwarden or sidespersons are here to help, so please ask.

For Our Prayers

Those who are Sick or in Particular Need

Ben Akrell, Angela Armit, Tessa Bebbington, Ashleigh Broadbridge, Alison Cross, Muriel Driscoll, Justine Eadie, Michael Harris, Marian Hopper, Sarah Kinghorn, Margaret Lane, Wendy Malloy, Cathy Picken, Sheila Pinches, Deborah Pincock, Ian Reece, Brian Rose, Rebecca Stuart, Terry Sutton, Terence Turner, Brenda Underwood, Jan, Thomas & Maurice

Long Term Sick and Housebound:

Winston Atkinson, Alan Bracewell, Rita Fletcher, Ann Hazard, Paul Hodgson, Jan Hood, Doreen Taylor, Josie Wilkinson.

The recently departed
Gerard Fish, Eric Taylor