



Welcome to St Matthew's Perry Beeches

Parish Mass

Sunday 20th September 2026 (St Matthew)

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Introit:	296
For all the saints	
Gradual:	506
The Church's one foundation	
Offertory	494
I the Lord of sea and sky	
Communion:	510
Will you come and follow me	
Recessional:	629
Father hear the prayer we offer	

The 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**

A reading from 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.

Psalm 119.65-72

Response: Happy are those who find holy wisdom

O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant, according to your word.

Teach me discernment and knowledge, for I have believed in your commandments.

Happy are those who find holy wisdom

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

You are good and you bring forth good; instruct me in your statutes.

Happy are those who find holy wisdom

The proud have smeared me with lies, but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is gross and fat, but my delight is in your law.

Happy are those who find holy wisdom

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

The law of your mouth is dearer to me than thousands in gold and silver.

Happy are those who find holy wisdom

A reading from 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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to 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 prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of the bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please do stay for refreshments in the Lounge and Family Room after the service.

***Thank you to our guest preacher this morning,
Father Mark Chapman.***

Thank you also to Ayoub Khan MP for being with us today.

Our church relies on the generosity of visitors and worshippers. If you would like to make a donation to the ministry and mission of St Matthew's but don't have any cash, there is a contactless card reader on the table by the front door.

If you could offer someone a lift to church, please let us know.

You can continue to make contributions to the food bank by putting any goods in the basket by the door.

Please put your request for prayers during the intercessions on the sheet on the table.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of flowers, please place any donations in the pot on the table

We are buying a memorial stone to commemorate Fr Michael Westlake's time at St. Matthew's. Contribution towards the cost of this would be gratefully received.

The Sick and Those in Need:

Please contact Margaret Cox if you would like to add anyone to our prayer list.

Sat: Barbara Linley, Andrew & Gail Walker, John Hope, Barbara Hayward

Mon: Fr Barry Smart, Revd Frank and Margaret Finch,
Bali Dhugga, John Duncombe, Pam Millard

Tue: Jayne Middleton, Loretta Charles, Bernadette O'Sullivan,
Lorna Wild, Barrie Greenwood, Graham Staton

Wed: Shirley Woodley, Eileen Eveson, Jean Hayes, Irene Roberts

Thu: Dai & Lal Gravell, Shirley and Ray Hollins, Mark Hawkins
Ann Edwards, Mark and Shiv Furnell

Fri: David & Anne Gadd, Barbara Dring, Sue & Tony Kyte

This week at St Matthew's:

Morning Prayer: Thursday & Friday, 9.15am (Chapel)

Mass: Wednesday, 7pm; Thursday & Friday, 10am (Chapel)

Phone-in service: Tuesday, 7.30pm (call 0333 011 0616; code is 1499488#)

Bereavement & Friendship Group: Monday, 1.30-3.30pm

Community Café: Friday, 11am-1pm

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER:

10am: PARISH MASS WITH BAPTISM (*Preacher: Mother Charlotte Gibson*)

Other dates for the diary

Monday 21st, 7pm: Fabric & Finance Committee

Wednesday 23rd, 4.30pm: Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Hamstead

Friday 25th, 11am-1pm: Community Café in aid of Macmillan

Vicar: Father George Reeves

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- I would like a meeting with the Vicar
- I would like to join the church email list