



Welcome to St Matthew's Perry Beeches

Parish Mass with Holy Baptism

Sunday 27th September 2026 (Michaelmas)

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Introit:	683
Jerusalem the golden	
Gradual:	826
Ye holy angels bright	
Offertory	312
Ye watchers and ye holy ones	
Communion:	462
Soul of my saviour	
Recessional:	593
At the name of Jesus	

The Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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. **Amen**

A reading from Revelation 12.7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Psalm 119.65-72

Response: Bless the Lord, you angels of his

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his

A reading from Hebrews 1.5-end

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.' But to which of the angels has he ever said, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 1.47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post communion prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

A reminder that our Parish Planning Day will be taking place on Saturday 10th October, 11am-2pm. All who regularly attend St Matthew's are encouraged to come along.

There will be no Mass on Wednesday or Thursday this week, as Fr George is away on a residential for new incumbents.

Next Sunday is Harvest Festival. Please bring donations for the food bank. We will also be having a bring and share lunch afterwards, so please make a note of what you can bring for this on the sheet 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, Rachel & Fay

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

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

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

This week at St Matthew's:

Morning Prayer: Friday, 9.15am (Chapel)

Mass: 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 4th OCTOBER:

10am: HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS

Other dates for the diary

Wednesday 30th, 4.30pm: Evening Prayer at St Bernard's, Hamstead

Vicar: Father George Reeves

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Thank you for worshipping with us at St Matthew's today. If you are new to church, or if you would like a meeting with the Vicar, please complete the form below and leave it on the table by the main entrance.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Please tick any that apply:

- I am new to church and would like to find out more
- I would like a meeting with the Vicar
- I would like to join the church email list