Welcome to St Matthew's Perry Beeches

Parish Mass

Sunday 1st November 2026 (All Saints)

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Introit:	**296**
For all the saints	
Gradual:	**362**
Come let us join our cheerful songs	
Offertory	**312**
Ye watchers and ye holy ones	
Communion:	**783**
Stand up and bless the Lord	
Recessional:	**683**
Jerusalem the golden	

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 7.9-end

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34.1-10

Those who trust in him will understand truth
I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.
Those who trust in him will understand truth
I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
Those who trust in him will understand truth
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
Those who trust in him will understand truth
Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
Those who trust in him will understand truth

A reading from 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 22.34-end

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Post communion prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

There will be a Christmas Fair meeting after Mass today. If you are a stallholder, please come along, we will gather in the Family Room.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Wednesday 18th November; Mass at 7pm, followed by the meeting.

From 25th October-6th December, Fr Sam Rigby will be serving a placement in the Diocese of Birmingham, working in several churches including St Matthew's. Fr Sam is currently Assistant Curate in the Wenlock Team Ministry in the Diocese of Hereford. He will be with us most Fridays, and will be preaching on Sunday 15th November. We look forward to welcoming him here.

On Monday 2nd November there will be an All Souls' Day Mass in the Chapel at 6pm, where we will remember those who have died. If you would like to add any names to the list that will be read out, please write them down on the sheet on the table.

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

This week at St Matthew's:

Morning Prayer: Thursday and 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 8th NOVEMBER
10am: PARISH MASS (Remembrance Sunday)

Other dates for the diary
Wednesday 4th, 4.30pm: Evening Prayer at St Paul'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

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Thank you!