

**THE PARISH OF ST MATTHEW
LITTLE LEVER**

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CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

SUNDAY 23rd September 2018

ST MATTHEW: FEAST OF TITLE

SUNDAY WORSHIP TODAY

8.00 am Mass (Said with a short Homily)

10.00 am Parish Sung Mass

Sunday Club meets upstairs in Church House and comes into Church at the Offertory.

During the last hymn of the Mass there is a Copper Collection. Proceeds from this go to various charities nominated by the congregation.

TODAY'S LITURGY –

The Scriptures

1st reading Here the prophet Ezekiel announces the New and Everlasting Covenant. A vision of the Kingdom of God.

2nd reading Here St Paul gives us a vision of the Church when it is working at its very best.

HYMNS AT 10.00 am

N/S Music 156 517 512

Readers at 10.00 am

1st Mavis Schofield 2nd Val Smiles
Int Pat Williams R Val Smiles

Eucharistic Ministers at 10.00 am

Janette & Ian David & Terry

Sidespersons on duty today

Bill Donnelly Freda Taylor

Sidespersons on duty next week

Kate Bridge Karen Lauder

TODAY:-

Tea/ Coffee and a chat in Church House after the Parish Mass – all welcome!

11. 30 am Interment of Ashes

Doreen Lucy

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We aim, under God, to be an open and welcoming community seeking to serve God through worship and witness. We are committed to mission and constantly seek new ways of proclaiming the Gospel to those around us.

SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week in

Loving Memory of **Brian Sagar: Priest**

and **Bill Foster**.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

are in loving memory of

Doreen Lucy.

MASS IS CELEBRATED DAILY IN OUR PARISH AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES

Mon 24th 7.30 pm – Our Lady of Walsingham

Tue 25th 9.30 am
Wed 26th 9.15 am
Thurs 27th 7.30 pm – St Vincent de Paul

Fri 28th 5.00 pm

Sat 29th 6.00 pm – Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR QUIET THOUGHTS, PRAYER OR REFLECTION Every Thursday Morning from 9.00 am till 11.00 am.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM

Monday: **The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!**

Tuesday: **Guide me, Lord, in the path of your commands.**

Wednesday: **Your word is a lamp for my steps, O Lord.**

Thursday: **Happy the man who fears the Lord.**

Friday: **Blessed be the Lord, my rock.**

Saturday: **In the presence of the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Sunday For our parish's continued growth

Monday For Fr Kevin Smith, Administrator and all at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Tuesday For all Students

Wednesday For all who work for the Emergency Services

Thursday For the St Vincent de Paul Society

Friday For Young People in Africa

Saturday In thanksgiving for God's watchful care of us

For your prayers this week:

People who are sick: Joan Fowles.

David Fowles, David Seed, David Ashworth, Ken Helsby, Peter Entwistle, Eveline Vinning, Vera Holt, Lorna Holloway, Martin Wild, Margaret McCreavy, Margaret Hall, William Gill, Joan Street, Peter Farthing, June Swingwood, Anya Grace Robbie-Ottley, Adrian Charles, Cathy Nurse, Ian Farrell, Dale Clegg, Gemma Epstein, Baby Elle Smith (3mths), Steve Lowe, Albert Yates.

Those who have died: Doreen Lucy

Anniversaries: Joseph Hodskisson, Ken Schofield, Brian Sagar: Priest, Bill Foster, Phyllis Cooper, Audry Barker, William Coops,

John Percival Ballantyne, Nellie Shepherd, Joe Roberts.

NEXT SUNDAY

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st – Numbers 11: 25 - 29

Psalm – 18

2nd – James 5: 1 - 6

Gospel – Mark 9: 38 – 43,45,47 - 48

THIS WEEK: -

Monday – 8.00 pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday – 9.00 am – 11.00 am
Coffee Shop – Church House

Wednesday – 7.30 pm Post Confirmation Course

THANK YOU to all who organised the Fish and Chips and Quiz last Saturday, it raised £600.50. Well done!

Also thank you to the Mothers' Union for the Cheese and Wine last night.

HOW DO I USE THE DEFIBRILLATOR

if I ever needed to? Come to Church House on Saturday 27th October for a training session. They start at 9.00 am, 11.00 am 1.00 pm or 3.00 pm and last for an hour and a half. To secure your place on one of the sessions email

joanne.thwaites@nwas.nhs.uk

BIBLE STUDY

Meets in the Vicarage at 7.30pm on:-

Tuesday 2nd October

led by Val Smiles

Wednesday 7th November

Tuesday 4th December

LUNCHEON CLUB – Open to everyone will be on the following Fridays from 12noon - 2.00 pm in Church House.

12th October, 9th November, 14th December, 11th January, 8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July.

NOW YOU'RE CONFIRMED

A post Confirmation Course for Adults. Whether your confirmation was in 2018, last year or a few years ago and you want to look a little more deeply at the Christian Faith – this is the course for you. It will be based on the Alpha Film Course and will run from 7.30 pm till 9.00 pm at the Vicarage on the following dates:
Wednesdays 19th, 26th Sept; 3rd, 10th, 31st Oct; 14th, 21st and 28th November.

OUR FIRST MESSY CHURCH HERE AT ST MATTHEW'S WILL BE ON

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER 3 – 5 PM
Do please pray for this new initiative.

CRAFT CLUB will meet on the following dates. Thursday:- 11th Oct, 8th Nov, 13th Dec at 36 Meadow Close from 2-4 pm.

GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH SCOUT JAMBOREE – FUNDRAISING CONCERT in Church on Sunday afternoon 20th October. More details to follow.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 6th – 7th OCTOBER

Could people going to Walsingham please pay Fr. Anthony the balance as soon as possible? Most people have paid a deposit of £30 and the full amount in £95. Cheques should be made payable to 'St. Matthew's Pilgrimage account.' Many thanks.

DIARY DATES FOR 2018

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th October – Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 14th October – Autumn Lunch

Thursday 18th October – P C C Meeting

Friday 26th October – Halloween Bingo

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th November – Llandudno Christmas Cracker

Thursday 15th November – P C C Meeting

Saturday 17th November – Lancashire Evening

Sunday 25th November – Christmas Lunch

Friday 14th December – Christmas Bingo

HOW DO I BOOK A CHRISTENING OR WEDDING? To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Banns of Marriage please call at the Vicarage on a Tuesday evening between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr John Wiseman – 700936

Canon Ian Anthony – 791437

Fr Stuart Haworth – 384006

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