

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH CHURCH REDHILL

NEWSLETTER FOR SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2021

A CHANGED FORMAT IN CHANGING TIMES



Anne Writes

Dear Friends,

Last Tuesday's thunderstorms have ushered in autumn with a bang and a flash! All around the trees are beginning to withdraw into themselves and their leaves are turning brown, and, in some cases already dropping off. Looking across the valley from my house up towards Reigate hill, there's a definite yellow/brown tinge to the woodland.

In my own garden, the Boston Ivy always heralds the passing of the season. Last week it was all green, this week it's green and red. The colours are stunning, and, if I come home in the car after dark the headlights catch the leaves, and they glow like jewels.



The end of summer marks the tradition time of Harvest festivals too. As we are celebrating this Sunday at St. Matthew's. A time to thank God for the abundance of the harvest, for our food and the work of farmers, growers, and producers.

However, this year, there's a certain sadness about it. I was listening to the radio where farmers were telling of having to dump entire crops. A combination of COVID, BREXIT and other factors has meant that they are not able to employ the pickers they need for such things as tomatoes, strawberries, and other delicate crops. And even if they can get the workers, then lack of drivers and fuel means that they cannot get the produce to the markets and shops.

Economic changes and the consequences of climate change, will most likely mean that many changes will have to be made in the way that our food is grown, produced, and moved around the country (or across the world).

We pray today, therefore, for all who are involved in our food industry in any way. We give thanks to God for their hard work and commitment in the face of many adversities. And, looking ahead to November and COP26 in Glasgow, we pray Lord for wisdom, compassion, and courage to be shown by all those who are attending, so that security of food supplies and the balancing of the climate may be achieved before it is much too late for the whole world.

THIS WEEK AT ST MATTHEW'S

Today Sunday 3rd October

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist for Harvest

4pm Messy Church for Harvest

Readings for Sunday 3 October Harvest Festival

Genesis 2 : 18-24 Matthew 13: 1-9 and 18-23

Readings for Sunday 10 October Creatiiontide

Hosea 2: 18-23 Matthew 6: 25-34

MONDAY - SATURDAY 8.30am Morning Prayer

MONDAY 4 October Toddler Group 9.30am in the Parish Room

Numbers are limited to inquire about joining please contact:

toddlers@stmatthews-redhill.org.uk

MONDAY 4 October Craft Group 9.30am in the Vestry

TUESDAY 5 October 2.30pm Tuesday Group in church

WEDNESDAY 6 October 10am Holy Communion in Church

WEDNESDAY 6 October 7pm Foodbank Management Committee

THURSDAY 7 October 1.10pm Lunchtime Music

FRIDAY 8 October 6pm Youth Group in the Parish Room

FOODBANK OPEN MON/WEDS/FRI 12NOON - 2PM

On line services continue to be available each Sunday from 8am. There is both a Parish Communion Service and a Small Steps reflection for our younger members.

SEEDLING TREES

As part of our Harvest and Climate Sunday celebrations we are offering some seedling trees for you to take home and nurture and plant. These will be available after the service outside the exit door. Please do help yourselves.

SERVING TEAM

As part of our gentle return to normal we are now reintroducing more servers into our worship. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join our team in this ministry. Training will be given.

For more information or to offer your services please speak to Scilla Wallis, Ellen Maden or Fr Andrew. We look forward to hearing from you.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE - Next month we hope to start offering coffee once again after the morning service - if you can help with this - then please sign the notice on the board in the north aisle.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Starting on Tuesday 5th October at 8pm, Fr Mick is leading an eight-week series of online Bible Studies on various themes in the Old Testament. Each week before the session you will receive a link to a short video introduction, together with some suggested passages to read, then on Tuesday evenings we will meet via Zoom to discuss these passages and themes in more depth. As with any house group or bible study group, it is better if people feel they can contribute to the discussion, but please don't feel that this is compulsory. No one will put you on the spot if you'd rather just listen.

If you would like to find out more or to sign up please let Fr Mick know, either in church or sign up using this link bit.ly/stmatts biblestudy

Electrical Work

If anyone needs electrical work doing, my future son-in-law, Tom Wilson, would be pleased to quote for you. He is NICEIC registered and his business is T R Wilson, Electrical Contractors - specialising in domestic electrical installations, maintenance, inspection and testing. His mobile no. is 07751720805

Celia Bullerwell

Edwardtide pilgrimage | Westminster Abbey

If you are interested in attending this pilgrimage please see the link below for details:

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-events/special-services/2021/october/edwardtide-pilgrimage>

PASTORAL CARE AND PASTORAL SUPPORT - if you need any help at all please do contact any member of the Staff Team - we are always ready to do what we can to help.

DONATE TO THE LIFE OF ST. MATTHEW'S

If you would like to donate to the work and mission of St Matthew's you can donate online using [this link](#).

Our on line service is available from 8am each Sunday via the usual channels but during this month of August we shall be changing the form and would welcome feedback.

If you don't have access to online resources, the church has set up this free phone resource. You will need to listen to the whole of the introduction before making your choice of what to listen to.

