



21 SEP 2025 | MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

BCP: Saint Matthew the Apostle

Welcome to St Giles', especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time.

The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

NOTICES

Organ Signing Ceremony - Mon 29 Sep
5:30pm. Email Andrew by 22 Sep
(andrew.sillett@st-giles-church.org).

First Communion classes for children aged 7+ starting on 15 Oct; admission on 23 Nov. Talk to Daniel.

Jazz at St Giles' continues on Sat 11 Oct with Jacqui Dankworth and Trio. Visit jazzatstgiles.com for more info.

Daily Prayer:

- Morning Prayer
Tue-Fri 8:30am at the Vicarage
- Individual quiet prayer
Mon-Fri 12-2pm at St Giles'
- Evening Prayer
Mon-Sat 5.30pm at St Giles'

Services on Sunday 27 September

- 8:00am - **Holy Communion** at St Giles'
- 10:30am - **Holy Communion** at St Giles'
- 6:30pm - **Choral Evensong** at St Giles'

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

Officiant: Revd Daniel Walters

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Dr Anne Holmes

Introit

Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo [G,S]

Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)

Hymn 189

He sat to watch o'er customs paid

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.

Proverbs 3.13–18

¹³ Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴ for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare
with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ 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 (*see overleaf*)

2 Corinthians 4.1–6

⁴ Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

Anthem

How lovely are the messengers
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
How lovely are the messengers that
preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound
of their words.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound
of their words, thro'out all the lands
their glad tidings.
How lovely are the messengers that
preach us the gospel of peace!

Matthew 9.9–13

⁹ 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.
¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Hymn 396

Let saints on earth in concert sing

Communion Anthem

Long since in Egypt's plenteous land
C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)
Long since in Egypt's plenteous land,
Our fathers were oppressed,
But God, whose chosen folk they were,
Smote those who long enslaved them
there,
And all their woes redressed.

The Red Sea stayed them not at all,
Nor depths of liquid green;
On either hand a mighty wall
Of waters clear rose high at His call,

And they passed through between.
In deserts wild they wandered long,
They sinned, and went astray;
But yet His arm to help was strong,
He pardoned them though they did
wrong,
And brought them on their way.

At last to this good land they came,
With fruitful plenty blest;
Here glorious men know endless fame,
Here God made holy Zion's name,
And here He gave them rest.

Oh, may we ne'er forget what He hath
done,
Nor prove unmindful of His love,
That, like the constant sun,
On Israel hath shone,
And sent down blessings from above.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in
tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your
love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 341

Blest are the pure in heart

*Please do stay behind for refreshments after
the 10:30 service, served at the back of
church*

6:30pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Officiant: Revd Claire Browes

Setting: Brewer in E flat

Hymn 189– *He sat to watch*

Psalm: 119.33-40,89-96 (p. 232, 236)

Old Testament: Eccles. 5.4–12

New Testament: Matthew 19.16–end

Anthem: Ives, *Listen sweet dove*

Hymn 341 – *Blest are the pure in heart*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

23rd - Stephen Sawford (2012)

25th - Ken Matthews (2000)

25th - Charlie Boscott (2010)

PSALM 119.65–72

- 65 O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously | with thy | servant :
ac- | cord-ing | unto • thy | word.
- 66 O learn me true under- | standing • and | knowledge :
for I have be- | liev-ed | thy com- | mandments.
- 67 Before I was troubled, I | went — | wrong :
but | now • have I | kept thy | word.
- 68 Thou art | good and | gracious :
O | teach — | me thy | statutes.
- 69 The proud have imagined a | lie a- | gainst me :
but I will keep thy com- | mandments • with my | whole — | heart.
- 70 Their heart is as | fat as | brawn :
but my de- | light hath | been in • thy | law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have | been in | trouble :
That | I may | learn thy | statutes.
- 72 The law of thy mouth is | dear-er | unto me :
Than | thousands • of | gold and | silver.
- Glory | be • to the | Father :
and to the Son, | and • to the | Ho-ly | Spirit ;
- As it was in the beginning, * is now, and | ever • shall | be :
world without | end, A- | — | men.

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