



The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings



The Patronal
Festival
of
Saint Matthew
Apostle, Evangelist

20th September 2026

Eucharistic Liturgy:

*Thanksgiving
of the
People of God*

Presider: The righteous will be remembered for ever:
the memory of the righteous is a blessing.
Psalm 112: 6; Proverbs 10:7

We stand

Opening Hymn: ***The Place of Trade and Taxes***
(for St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist – 21st Sept.)
Words: Bill Bennett - Alt. tune: ELLACOMBE

- 1 **The place of trade and taxes
was where the great call came,
for Matthew in his office
responded to Christ's claim.
In every home and workplace
our Lord is present still,
for God is Lord of money,
at every booth and till.**
- 2 **So Matthew in his business
collected what was due;
the son of Alphaeus laboured
to make his living too.
His colleagues and companions
were seen as men of sin
yet in their midst came Jesus,
their hearts and minds to win.**
- 3 **In every bank and business,
in factory, farm, and home,
where capital's invested,
and money's spent and loaned;
the Lord of life is present,
among the rich and poor,
and senses our temptation
to gather more and more.**

- 4 **So, sing of Matthew's witness,
who followed in The Way,
whose gospel we inherit,
our guide for life today.
We praise our God, Creator,
the faith we hold and share,
and daily live and labour
in hope and love and prayer.**

The Gathering

**I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua,
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.
Āmine.**

(In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen)

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

Presider: **Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.**

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Song of Praise: ***The Song of the Church [Te Deum Laudamus]***

- 1 We praise you O God:
 we acclaim you as the Lord.
- 2 **All creation worships you:
 the Father everlasting.**
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:
 cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise,
- 4 **‘Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.’**
- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise you:
 the noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
 the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
- 6 **Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
 Father, of majesty unbounded,**
- 7 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship:
 and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and guide.
- 8 **You Christ are the king of glory:
 the eternal Son of the Father.**
- 9 When you became incarnate to set us free:
 you humbly accepted the Virgin’s womb.
- 10 **You overcame the sting of death:
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**
- 11 You are seated at God’s right hand in glory:
 we believe that you will come to be our judge.
- 12 **Come then Lord and help your people:
 bought with the price of your own blood,**
- 13 and bring us with your saints:
 to glory everlasting.

We sit or kneel

God calls us to be holy.
In silence, let us call to mind our sins
and our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Lord Jesus, in your love
you invite us to be your friends:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy
you choose us to go out and bear fruit:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power
you send us to be your faithful witnesses:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus said:

There is joy among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.

**May the compassionate God have mercy on us,
forgive us and bring us to fullness of life. Amen.**

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence of the Day:

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them,
and teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you. *Matthew 28:19-20*

Collect of the Day:

**Gracious and eternal God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you called Matthew from his place of business
to be an apostle and evangelist;
free us from all greed and selfish love of money
that we may follow in the steps
of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Reading: **Proverbs 3: 1-6**

After the Reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19: 1–6 (ANZPB)

- ¹ The heavens proclaim the glory of God:
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.
- ² One day speaks to another:
and night shares its knowledge with night,
- ³ and this without speech or language:
their voices are not heard.
- ⁴ But their sound goes out into all lands:
their words to the ends of the earth.

- 5 In them God has pitched a tent for the sun:
**which comes out like a bridegroom,
like an athlete eager to run a race.**
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the sky,
it runs its course to the other:
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.

Reading: **Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13**

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Gradual Hymn: **God, Creation's Great Designer**
New Century Hymnal #371 - Words: Jane Parker Huber
Alt. tune: Hyfrydol

- 1 **God, creation's great designer,
architect, and artisan,
dreamer, builder, and refiner -
how we marvel at your plan.
You have formed us to reflect you,
filled us with your Spirit's breath,
freed us to accept, reject you,
and in Christ, defeated death.**
- 2 **Hear our thanks for those who founded
in this place a church for praise.
Firm in Christ their faith was grounded
as they lived their earthly days.
Builders, they, in brick and stonework,
walls supporting roof and floors,
praising you in all their own work –
solid steeple, open doors.**

- 3 Sing we, too, of churches standing
not alone in wood and stone,
but in human lives commanding
confidence in you alone.
O accept the praise we bring you,
bless the work of human hands.
Hear the hymns our voices sing you,
echoing through years and lands.

We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father. *John 15:15*

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 9: 9-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter nine, beginning at the ninth verse.

Praise and glory to God.

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

*Following the Sermon, there may be a time of silence and/or musical reflection;
then we stand to affirm our faith*

The Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,
let us pray for the Church, and for the world,
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

We sit or kneel

Heavenly Father, your Son called men and women
to leave the past behind them and to follow him
as his disciples in the way of the cross.
Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today,
marks with the cross, and makes his disciples
within the Church ...

Loving God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace.

Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs ...

Loving God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother.

Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share ...

Loving God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Your Son sent out disciples to preach the Good News, to heal the sick, and to comfort the lost and lonely.

Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing and compassion ...

Loving God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Your Son promised to those who followed him that he is going to prepare a place for them, so that where he is, they may be also.

According to that promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death to eternal life ...

Loving God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence, we pray for our own needs.

Silence

**Almighty God,
grant that your Church
may faithfully hold on to,
and make known,
the faith that has come to us
through Saint Matthew and all the apostles,
that with them and all your saints
we may inherit the glories of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

We are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2: 19,17

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

We may be invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us, by shaking hands (or an appropriate alternative) and saying: "Peace be with you".

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: **Lord, for the years**

SG602 - Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith - Tune: LORD OF THE YEARS

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Gracious God, accept all we bring and offer
before you this day.

Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

To you indeed be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples,
and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you;
do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

And so in this great sacrament
we celebrate and proclaim
the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration,
that we may be fed with the body and blood of
your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.
Strengthen us to do your work,
and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

Through your Holy Spirit,
burning as a flame, gentle as a dove,
may we who receive these gifts
live lives of justice, love, and prayer,
and be a voice for those who are not heard.
In union with your whole church, we worship you,
O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and forever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we pray, saying ...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.
Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

*Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.*

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Post Communion Sentence

For 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 Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

Prayer after 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.
Amen.**

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for you
a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

**May the infinite and glorious Trinity,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
direct our life in good works,
and after our journey through this world,
grant us eternal rest with the saints.
Amen.**

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: **Lord, your church on earth is seeking**

SG604 - Words: Hugh Sherlock & Michael Seward

Tune: EVERTON [Smart]

- 1 Lord, your church on earth is seeking
power and wisdom from above:
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accents of your love.
We will heed your great commission
sending us to every place –
‘Go, baptise, fulfil my mission;
serve with love and share my grace!’**
- 2 You release us from our bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin:
give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within.**

Light for darkness, joy for sorrow,
love for hatred, peace for strife –
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

- 3 In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely live,
we will show the Saviour's pity
and his longing to forgive.
In the lands and with all races
we will serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises
Christ, to you, redeemer king.

The Dismissal

Jesus said to the disciples,
'Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news
to the whole creation.' *Mark 16: 15*

Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Up-coming Services at St Matthew's Church
and dates to note ...

Sunday 4th October, 10.00am

St Francis Day

A Service of Morning Prayer
with the annual 'Blessing of the Animals'

Sunday 1st November

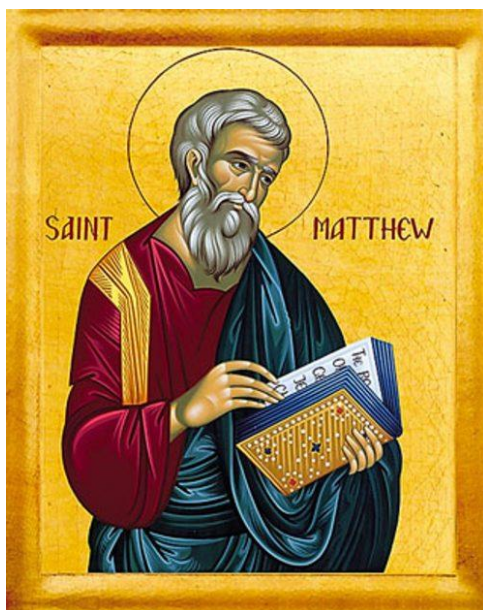
All Saints' & All Souls' Day

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 29th November

Advent Sunday



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