



Welcome to St Matthew's Perry Beeches

Parish Mass

Sunday 9th August 2026 (Trinity X)

TODAY'S HYMNS:

Introit:	103
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness	
Gradual:	621
Dear Lord and Father of mankind	
Offertory	428
Body broken for our good	
Communion:	358
Be still	
Recessional:	641
Glorious things of thee are spoken	

The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please 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 Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood;

throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b

Response: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him

Then he called for famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.
He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.
Until his prediction came to pass, the world of the Lord tested him.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He set him as master over his household, as a ruler over all his
possessions,
to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders
wisdom. Alleluia!

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A reading from Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart,

“Who will ascend into heaven?” ‘ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?” ‘ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Post communion prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you; look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Everyone is welcome to coffee/tea and biscuits in the Lounge and Family Room after the service.

Services this week

Wed: 19.00 Mass (Chapel)

Thu: 10.00 Mass (Chapel)

Fri: 10.00 Mass (Chapel)

Next Sunday: 9th August (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
10am Parish Mass with Holy Baptisms

Our church relies on the generosity of visitors and worshippers. If you would like to make a contribution to the ministry and mission of St Matthew's but don't have any cash, there is a contactless card reader on the table by the front door.

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 working party to trim the hedge outside church on Saturday 15th August, starting at 10am. All volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

We are buying a memorial stone to commemorate Fr Michael Westlake's time at St. Matthew's. Contribution towards the cost of this would be gratefully received.

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

Wed: Shirley Woodley, Eileen Eveson, Jean Hayes, Irene Roberts

Thu: Dai & Lal Gravell, Shirley and Ray Hollins, Mark Hawkins
Ann Edwards, Mark and Shiv Furnell

Fri: David & Anne Gadd, Barbara Dring, Sue & Tony Kyte

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