

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Teacher of Israel

NOVEMBER 8, 15, 22
from 8.00 to 9.30 pm
in the PARISH CENTRE.

This is for everyone.

Further details from Chris or Elizabeth

Spelthorne Young Voices

St. Mary Magdalene Church

SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER at 7PM

Tickets £7 (including a glass of wine). Tickets available from Barbara Giles or Anne Frost.

Saturday 6th November

Understanding Christianity

**God the Holy Trinity &
Jesus Son of God**

10.30am - 4pm
St Nicholas Parish Centre

Advent Study & Reflection

Worship: What's the Point

Why Do We Worship?

Wed 1st Dec 7.30pm
St Mary's, Sunbury

How Do We Worship?

Wed 8th Dec 7.30pm
St Mary Magdalene, Littleton

When Do We Worship?

Wed 15th Dec 7.30pm
St Nicholas, Shepperton

Service of Light to remember those who have died

On Tuesday 2 November at 7pm we will be holding our annual Service of Light to remember those who have died. All are very welcome at this service of communion and contemplation.

Exploring our Faith

From the new year, I will be holding a class for those who would like to be confirmed and those who would like to explore our faith in an informal setting. If you think you might like to take part, please see Alison.

New Sunday Clubs

In November our Sunday Club will be changing. We will now have two groups of children: **King's Kids is for 3-5's** and **Crossfire is for 6+**. They will meet at 9.45am at the Old School Building in New Road and finish at 11.15am.

We will be launching the new groups on Sunday 7 November with a special two hour meeting starting at 10am at the Old School Building. Look out for further details.

Thank you for those who have already volunteered to help. We could do with some more people, though, to spread the load. If you think this might be of interest, please see Revd Alison.

Welcome to St Mary Magdalene

United Benefice of St Nicholas, Shepperton
& St Mary Magdalene, Littleton

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Sunday 31 October
All Saints

Collect

ALMIGHTY GOD,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship in the
mystical body of your Son Christ our
Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed
saints

in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible
joys

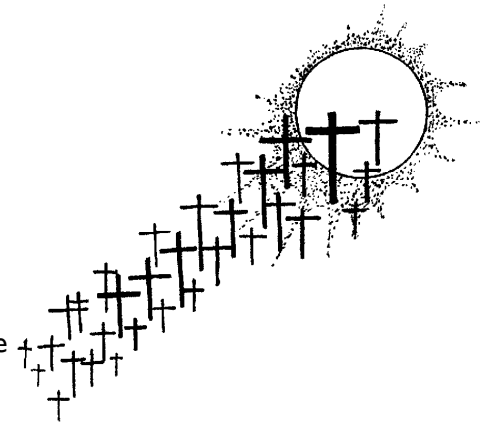
that you have prepared for those who
truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

After Communion

GOD,

THE SOURCE OF ALL HOLINESS AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD THINGS:
may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast
on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO WRITE TO YOU ABOUT THIS SERVICE TO THE SAINTS. For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we--not to say anything about you--would be ashamed of having been so confident. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

"They have scattered abroad their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

2 Corinthians 9:1-12

AS JESUS SAW THE CROWDS, HIS HEART WAS FILLED WITH PITY FOR THEM, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. So he said to his disciples,

"The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

Matthew 9:36-10:1-4

COMING UP

Tuesday 2nd	7.00pm	Maggies
	7.00pm	Service of Light
Wednesday 3rd	10.00am	Prayer and Praise
	7.15pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Benefice Steering Group (Rectory)

Thursday 21st	7.30pm	Fundraisers Meeting
Saturday 6th	10.30am	Understanding Christianity (St Nick's Parish Centre)
Sunday 7th	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.45am	'All the Saints' Sunday Club Launch
	10.00am	Eucharist
Monday 8th	8.00pm	The Gospel of Matthew (St Nick's Parish Centre)

Hear the Word of God:

"I will not offer offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing" (2 Sam 24:24)

All: **Lord, may our giving be sacrificial and worthy of you.**

"What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will pay my vows to the Lord." (Psalm 116:12-14)

All: **Lord, may we honour the promises we make to you at every stage of our life, and the pledges we will make in the future.**

"They gave according to their means, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favour of taking part in the relief of the saints." (2 Corinthians 8:3)

All: **Lord, may we be honest and realistic before you in our giving.**

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

All: **Lord, may we give to you freely and cheerfully and unstintingly.**

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity...." (2 Corinthians 9:11)

All: **Lord, may we be generous in our giving for you are so generous to us.**

"On the first day of every week each of you is to put something aside and store it up...." (1 Cor 16:2)

All: **Lord, may we be disciplined in our giving.**

Under the test of this service you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the Gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your contribution." (2 Corinthians 9:13)

All; **Lord, may we be obedient in this aspect of its teaching.**

"Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together running over, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back..." (Luke 6:38)

All: **Lord, may we be grateful for your amazing generosity to us and for your promises to us.**

"First they gave themselves to the Lord...." (2 Corinthians 8:5)

All: **Lord, may we give you our whole lives as a worthy offering out of gratitude for all your goodness to us.**

May the Holy Spirit who gives gifts to all people, flood your hearts with thanksgiving to God. And the blessing of God Almighty...