

In Your Prayers: Please remember Maralyn Pattison who has died in recent days, and those living in Crimble Close, Devon Way and The Drive . Remember too Hermione Mear, Fergus and Charlie Conway, Tate Carlton and Scott Knight, to be baptised at lunchtime.

As promised. There are some **packs of cards** available this morning, made from photographs I've taken in recent months. They're priced £2.50 for a packet of five, and have been left blank inside for you to add your own message. All proceeds to the Projector Fund. *Fr Peter*

A reminder that the **St Matthew's Tug of War** team will be in action at 4.15pm this afternoon at the Lightcliffe Village Gala on the cricket field—all support gratefully received!

This weekend marks the **90th anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of the Somme**. Evensong tonight will include a recording of the Requiem aeternam by Benjamin Britten, which includes part of the text of the Requiem Mass, and lines from the first world war poet Wilfred Owen. *Fr Peter*

Sharon and Peter Reason, our Beaver and Cub leaders, were recently presented with certificates to mark their 15 years' service to Scouting. In addition to her certificate, Sharon also received the Chief Scout's Medal of Merit for services to Beaver Scouting. We would like to congratulate Sharon and Peter on their awards in recognition of their dedication to the uniformed organisations.

Next Sunday we shall be welcoming members of the uniformed organisations to the 10am Eucharist, when we shall be celebrating Sea Sunday.

Many thanks to those who supported the recent afternoon concert by the **Alan Cuckston Singers**. After a small deduction to cover expenses, the retiring collection came to £112.25, which will be given to CICS, Christian Initiatives in Calderdale Schools.

The latest edition of **Christ Church News**, the magazine of our neighbours at Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Methodist/URC Church, and also from **Coley Parish Church** are available today in the foyer.

Very advance notice: this year's **Art Exhibition** will take place on 6th, 7th and 8th October, in the Nayamatara Room.

A reminder that if you want to book the **Nayamatara Room** for a meeting, a party or any other event, Diane Williams is looking after bookings, and will gladly help you. You can contact her by phone on 01422 401680

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Sunday 2nd July 2006

The Third Sunday after Trinity

From wherever you have come, be it just round the corner or further afield, whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, **welcome to St Matthew's**. We hope and pray that you will find something here that helps you.

Before and during the Eucharist talk to God.

After the Eucharist talk to each other...

Some people seem to think that the above applies to everyone else, but not to them...

Today at St Matthew's

If you need some quiet space before any of today's services, the Foster Chapel [by the prayer board] is specially available for that purpose.

8am	The Eucharist
10am	The Parish Eucharist
12 noon	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Evensong
	Hymns: 104, Psalm 41, 11, 4

This week at St Matthew's

Tuesday	9.15am	Eucharist [BCP]
	7pm	Choir Practice, N
	7.45pm	Bell Practice
Wednesday	10.30am	Eucharist at Manor House
	7pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	PCC, N
Thursday	9.15am	Eucharist
Friday	1pm	Wedding of Simon Tidey and Emma Burke
	6.15pm	Family Service, N
Saturday	1pm	Wedding of Carl Criscione and Nicola Turner
Sunday	The Fourth	Sunday after Trinity
	8am	The Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist
	12 noon	Holy Baptism
	6.30pm	Evensong

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The Third Sunday After Trinity Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8.7-15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

You excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something - now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

GOSPEL Mark 5.21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Post Communion : God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.