

Please **remember in your prayers** Chloe Pickles and Ruby Titterington, to be baptized here at lunchtime.

**Looking ahead..** our patronal festival this year is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, when we welcome the Revd Hilary Barber, of Halifax Parish Church, who is patron of St Matthew's, as our preacher.

Tickets for the first concert in the **Autumn Concert Series** are now available from any PCC member. It takes place on Saturday 13 September at 7.30pm, and features the renowned Clifton and Lightcliffe Band.

The local branch of the **Bible Society**, a national charity which works to make the bible as accessible as possible to people all over the world, is holding a sponsored walk on Saturday 27 September. Full details are posted on the noticeboard in the porch.

The **Faith and Life** Group starts up again this week, and for the coming weeks, will be studying the Book of Revelation, perhaps one of the most difficult to make sense of books of the New Testament. The group meets on Thursdays between 1.45pm and 3.30pm, in the Nyamatara Room.

The latest edition of **Aspect**, our Church magazine is available for collection this morning from the foyer. Amongst other goodies, there's an important articles about forthcoming national changes in the rules about who is eligible to be married in each church. This may well have significant implications for us, so please be sure to read it.

**Sunday 28 September** is our Harvest Festival, more details of which next week. It is also being kept nationally as Back to Church Sunday, which gives us an opportunity to invite back to Church, those who perhaps have slipped away, and are anxious about returning. Do you know anyone who you could invite? There will be some special invitations available soon for you to use.

**The Friday Night Family Service** starts up again this week, after the Summer break. Why not mention it to anyone who lives near you who you think might be interested in coming along. It lasts just over half an hour, and is very family friendly!

## St Matthew's Lightcliffe

striving to live in worship and prayer  
growing in faith and love  
serving the community  
and so bringing people to Christ



### Sunday 31 August 2008: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

From wherever you have come, be it just around the corner, or from further afield, a very warm welcome to St Matthew's. We pray that you will find something here to inspire, challenge and comfort you.

#### Today at St Matthew's

8am	The Eucharist
10am	The Parish Eucharist:
12 noon	Holy Baptism
6.30pm:	Said Evensong:

#### This week at St Matthew's

Tuesday	9.15am: Eucharist [BCP]
Wednesday	10.30am: Eucharist at Manor House 7pm: Eucharist, 7.30pm: PCC
Thursday	9.15am: Eucharist, 1.45pm: Faith and Life
Friday	12.30pm: Lunch Club 6.15pm : Family Service

#### Services next Sunday:

8am:	Eucharist
10am:	Parish Eucharist
12 noon:	Holy Baptism
6.30pm:	Evensong

Old Testament: Jeremiah 15.15-21

O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.  
Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.  
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.  
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

New Testament: Romans 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 16.21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'