

33° Sunday in Ordinary Time



“It is disheartening to see at times how people with a lot of potentials simply refuse to use their gifts”

19th November 2023

Take me Home !!

Priest's Tidings

The Lord God trusts us more than we perhaps trust ourselves. He entrusts to us a lot of potentials not only to become the persons and Christians he has called us to be, but also to build up the Church and God's Kingdom. What a trust! He puts himself and the Church and the Kingdom into our hands! That trust is our responsibility. In this eucharist we ask the Lord Jesus to make us respond fully to God's deep trust in us. It is disheartening to see at times how people with a lot of potentials simply refuse to use their gifts.

Are they afraid of committing themselves, of taking risks with people? Perhaps we too are scared to take the risk of putting ourselves into the hands of people. We keep our faith for Sundays but fail to invest it in the goodness of people, in forgiveness when we have been wronged, in speaking out for those who have no voice, in affection that may not be answered. Let us risk ourselves with the Lord here among us..



Fr Hugo

H o l y C o m m u n i o n

Entrance Hymn:

-546 - O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,

Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs (31:10-13,19-20,30-31):

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (128)

R./ Blessed are those who fear the Lord..

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored **R./**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table. **R./**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R./**

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians (5:1-6):

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.. **Amen.**

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Gospel Reading

Hear the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:14-30

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." "His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

Praise to you, O Christ.



Prayers of Intercession

Lord, giver of all good gifts, we give you thanks for all you have given us. May we share our talents and use them to the benefit of others and for your glory. We pray today for all who tell others of your love and proclaim the Gospel. We ask your blessing upon all who minister to others.

Giver of all good gifts
here us and help us to live to your glory.

Lord, giver of all good gifts, we ask your blessing upon all artist, musicians, craftspeople, gardeners, architects, politicians and all who use their gifts to improve our world. We remember all who are unable to use their talents to the full through oppression or other circumstance.

Giver of all good gifts
here us and help us to live to your glory.

Lord, giver of all good gifts, blessed us and our loved ones. We pray that our homes may be places where talent is fostered and given the chance to grow. We ask your blessing upon all schools and places of learning and all who help others to develop skills.

Giver of all good gifts
here us and help us to live to your glory.

Lord, giver of all good gifts, bless all who are thwarted in their ability through illness, oppression or the lack of opportunity. We pray for all who are struggling due to poverty and hunger. We remember before you loved ones and friends who are ill.

Giver of all good gifts
here us and help us to live to your glory.

Lord, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for the gift of life eternal. We rejoice in the fellowship of all your saints and ask your blessing on our loved ones departed, that they may be at home with you in your kingdom of love.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

-748 - O Jesus, I have promised.,

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord..**Amen.**

Recessional: – S- Goodness of God - Cece Winans

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your
hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so
good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of
God (yeah)

And all my life You have been faithful
(oh)
And all my life You have been so, so
good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
(yeah)

'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me (oh-oh)

"Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
"Cause Your goodness is running after
It keeps running after me.

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so
good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of
God
(I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing)

'Cause all my life You have been
faithful
And all my life You have been so, so
good
With every breath that I am able

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of
God Oh, I'm gonna sing of the
goodness of God

What's New!

Sunday — Mass at 9:30 am

Support St Matthew's Church:

Ways to make your donation:

- On our website
(www.stmatt.co.uk) in the
donations section, where you can
donate by card.
- Make instant donations with our
birles contact less machine.
- Scanning this QR code to
continue supporting us.

Advent & Christmas at St Matthew's

- Sunday 3rd December 9.30am
Eucharist
- Sunday 10th December
9.30am Eucharist followed by a
Mission Walk in the parish, where
we will distribute flyers by
Elephant & Castle station and
around Elephant Park, with
Christmas music and chocolates
- Sunday 17th December
9.30am Eucharist followed by
Christmas Party: bring some
festive food and we will also
enjoy different games! Please aim
to invite one friend along to this
- Sunday 24th December 9.30am
Eucharist

- Monday 25th December
9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist
with Carols

Save the Dates: Future Sunday Cultural Celebrations

January 21st April 14th

Save the Dates: Sunday 12.30pm Bilingual Celebrations in 2024

- Mothering Sunday 10th March
- Pentecost 19th May
- St Mathew's Day 22nd
September

Pastoral Visits

We are keen to reach out to those
who are not currently attending St
Matthew's. If you know someone
who would appreciate a visit,
please speak to the clergy

Workplace Visits

The Christian journey continues
throughout the week, beyond
church and into all aspects of our
everyday life- even the workplace!
If you would like a visit at work,
please do let Fr Steve know

Support for Estates Ministry

In our St Matthew's outreach, we
would love to connect with people
living on estates in our parish. If
you feel called to help with that

outreach, the Diocese is offering support. If you're interested, please speak to one of the clergy and we can explore options

Pioneering and Fresh Expressions Conference

Fr Hugo is speaking at a Diocesan conference looking at new forms of ministry next Saturday 25th November. There will be several workshops so if you are interested then please let us know

Daily Bible Verse Reflections

Fr Steve is doing daily 60 second videos reflecting on a Bible verse. The videos are posted in our WhatsApp group and on our social media channels. If you would like to join the WhatsApp group, please speak to Tinu. Here are this week's passages:

Monday John 8:12 **Tuesday** 1 John 4:10 **Wednesday** 1 John 2:5 **Thursday** Mark 11:24 **Friday** John 10:27

Contacts us

Rector: Fr Hugo Adán rector@stmatt.co.uk ☎ 0759 331 0487 - **Associate Rector:** Fr Miguel Angel

Pino assoc.rector@stmatt.co.uk ☎ 07547976623 **Curate:** Fr. Steve Jullien curate@stmatt.co.uk ☎ 0785 791 3278 - **Churchwardens:** Ms Cynthia Grant churchwarden.eng@stmatt.co.uk Mrs carolina

Giraldo churchwarden.esp@stmatt.co.uk - **PCC Secretary:** Vacant

pcc.secretary@stmatt.co.uk **Treasurer:** Mr John Brent treasurer@stmatt.co.uk -

Safeguarding: Mrs Daliana Ruiz safeguarding@stmatt.co.uk - **Electoral Rol:** Mrs

Carolina Giraldo electoral.roll@stmatt.co.uk **Admin:** Mrs Monica Hernandez -

admin.eng@stmatt.co.uk - : admin.esp@stmatt.co.uk

St Matthew's Church Meadow Row, London SE1 6RG ☎ 020 7357 8532

www.stmatt.co.uk

