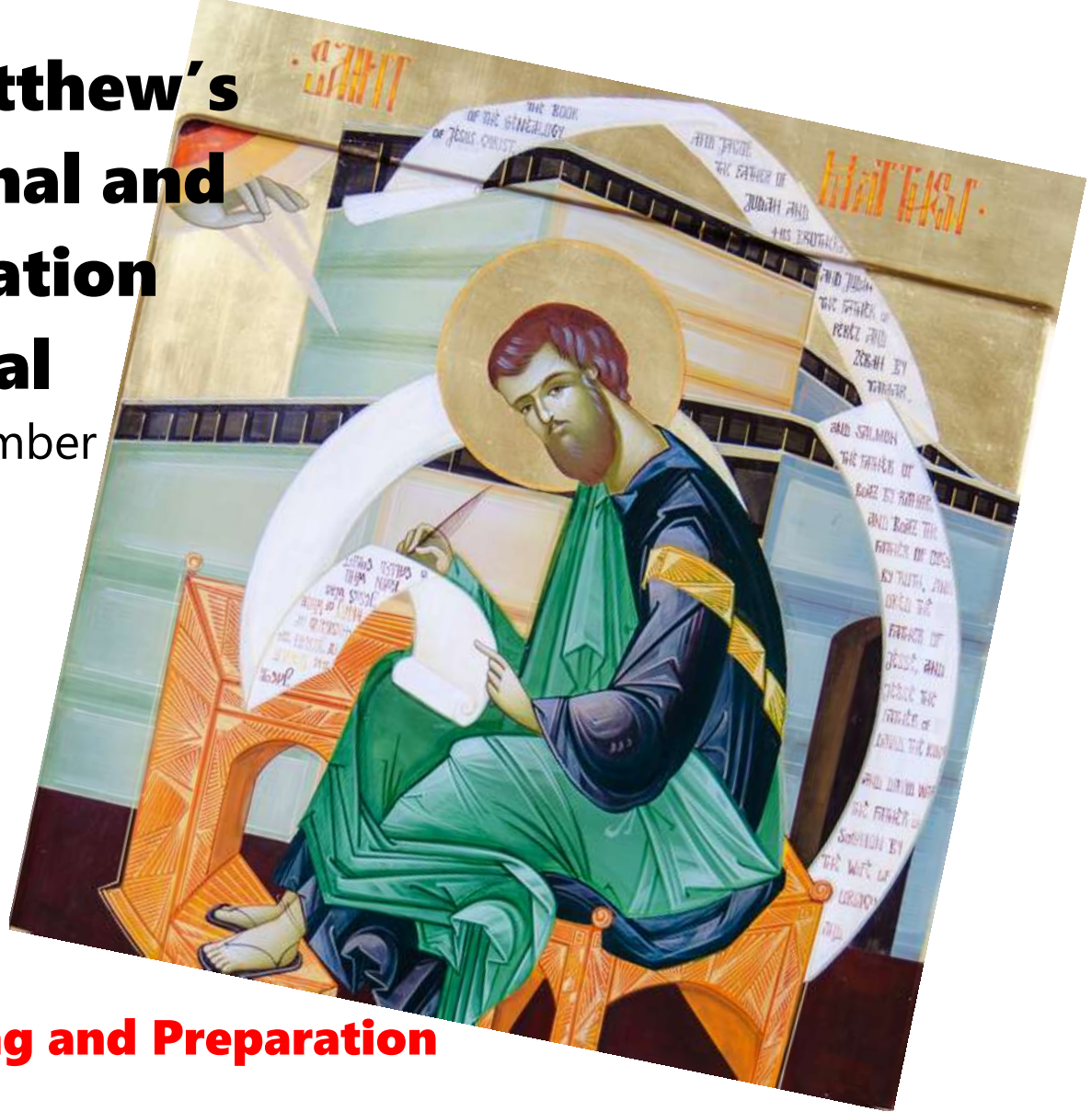


# St Matthew's Patronal and Dedication Festival

21 September  
2017



## Gathering and Preparation

The Lord be with you  
Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

**And also with you**  
**Lord, have mercy**  
**Christ, have mercy**  
**Lord, have mercy**

May the Father forgive you all your sins by the death of his Son, and enable you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days. **Amen.**

**Hymn 510** *Will you come and follow me?*

## *Gloria in Excelsis for choir & CONGREGATION*

Glory to God, glory in the highest

Peace to his people, peace on earth

**Glory to God, glory in the highest**

**Peace to his people, peace on earth**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father

**Glory to God, glory in the highest**

**Peace to his people, peace on earth**

We worship you

**Glory in the highest**

Give you thanks

**Glory in the highest**

Praise you for your glory

**Glory to God, glory in the highest**

**Peace to his people, peace on earth**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God, **Lord God, Lamb of God**

You take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us. **Have mercy on us**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father

Receive our prayer, **Receive our prayer**

**Glory to God, glory in the highest**

**Peace to his people, peace on earth**

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God

The glory of God the Father

**Glory to God, glory in the highest**

**Peace to his people, peace on earth**

Amen **Amen**

## The Collect

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
and the possessive love of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## The Word of God

### From the Book of Proverbs

3.13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding,  
for her income is better than silver,  
and her revenue better than gold.  
She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honour.  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called happy.  
*This is the word of the Lord* **Thanks be to God**



[CH509]

**I am Wisdom, his companion  
Ever at his side to be  
I delight in his creating  
Never ending, ever free**

4.1-6

### **From the Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians**

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *This is the*

*word of the Lord*    **Thanks be to God**

*As we gather for the Gospel:*

**Hymn 486, verses 2 & 3**



## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

9.9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

### **Praise to you, O Christ**

***Hymn 486, verses 4 & 5***

**Sermon** Pastor Tim Watson, Beeches Evangelical Church

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**



**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**



**Response for Intercessions:**

*A&M411*

We ask you Lord **Listen to our prayer**

## **The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn 828** *Ye that know the Lord is gracious*

## **Eucharistic Prayer & Communion**

♪ The Lord be with you **And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

*We give thanks for God's glory and goodness*

*BUNESSAN*

**All sing: Holy, holy, Holy and mighty  
Yours is the worship of heaven and earth  
Blessed is he who, coming in God's name  
Gives our hosannas meaning and mirth**

*We remember Jesus's Last Supper*

Great is the mystery we celebrate:

**♪ Alleluia, Christ is risen  
Alleluia, Christ who died  
Alleluia, ris'n, ascended  
Alleluia, glorified**



... through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen!**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

♪ **Lamb of God**  
**Your passion alone can**  
**Take away the sin of the world**  
**We are not worthy to receive you**  
**Our lives depend on**  
**Your gracious word**

The gifts of God for the people of God

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord**  
**To the glory of God the Father**

*After Communion: Response for the Beatitudes sung by the choir:*

**As a tree planted by streams of water**  
**Is the one who delights in the word of the Lord**

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Saviour; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

Let us go in the peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn 312**

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*





***Please stay for  
Refreshments  
in the Hall***