St. Matthew's Anglican Church

"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community."

Address:

St. Matthew's
Anglican Church
1600 Norfolk St.
Windsor, Ontario N9E 1H5

Sunday Services

8:00 am said Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
with the Choir

Fellowship Hour to follow

Wednesday Services

11:00 am said Holy Eucharist

The Rev'd Gilles Haché is in office by appointment.

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Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 11, 2026

The Reverend Gilles Haché, Rector
The Reverend Mark Wilton
Michael Ricketts, Liturgical Musician
Nadine Donlon, Lay Reader

"With gratitude for all stewards of the land, past, present and future, we acknowledge that the St. Matthew's community gathers on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa – keepers of the faith; the Odawa – keepers of trade; and the Potawatomie – keepers of the fire."

Please Note: Free-will offerings may be placed in the collection plate at the back of the church.

Prelude: Simple Gifts (J. Brackett, arr. F. Ashdown)

Processional: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come — Blue Book #262

The Gathering of the Community — Green Book p. 185

Collect of the Day — Green Book p. 396

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm: 65 — Green Book p. 785

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Homily

Anthem: Non Nobis Domine (P. Doyle, arr. N. Grundahl)

Nicene Creed — Green Book p.188

Prayers of the People **Response: Follow the Choir**

Confession and Absolution — Green Book p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: We Plough the Fields and Scatter — Blue Book #258

Prayer Over the Gifts — Green Book p. 397

Eucharistic Prayer # 3 — **Green Book p. 198**

The Lord's Prayer — Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #3 — Green Book p. 212

Lamb of God

Communion Procession: Let Us Be bread (T. Porter)

Prayer After Communion — Green Book p. 397

Doxology — Green Book p. 214

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God Blue Book #399

Postlude: Nun Danket (J. Cruger, arr. C. Callahan)

Welcome visitors – We are blessed you are with us, please let us know how we can serve you. If you desire, there are "Visitor's Envelopes" on the table at the back

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honour of the birthday of Peter Drake, Gordon Drake's son, by Mary Louise & Gordon Drake.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: John Rossi, Richard Postovit
Intercessor: Sheila Beach **Lectors:** Kyle Reeves**,** Helen Johnson
Collection Supervisor: Deb French
Sidespersons: Ginny & Bill McAdam
Communion Ministers: John Riddle, Nadine Donlon

Marlborough Breakfast Program: Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!
Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Next Sunday Readings, October 18, 2026 - Exodus 33:12-23; Ps 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22.

Stewardship

Stewardship begins when we choose to tend this vineyard with integrity: living truthfully, honouring our commitments, and letting our actions reflect the faith we profess. Integrity is not dramatic; it grows in the quiet, daily decisions that shape our character and build trust within the community. Discipleship is the companion to integrity. It is the ongoing choice to follow Christ with intention, *to "press on toward the goal,"* as Paul says, even when the path is demanding. When we practise discipleship daily, we become stewards of God's presence — offering compassion, justice, and hope in the ordinary moments of parish life.
Together, integrity and discipleship form a stewardship that is lived, not spoken: a way of tending God's vineyard so that it bears good fruit for our neighbourhood, our families, and our church.

Announcements

Gordie Howe International Bridge Presentation - Friday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, followed by a complimentary luncheon. Admission is free, and all are welcome. This is a public event open to the wider community. **As space is limited to the church hall capacity**, **you must RSVP as early as possible.** Sign up sheet in the hall, or email *stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org* to confirm your attendance.

Astronomy in Action – Saturday, November 7. Shows from 10 am to 6 pm. For information and tickets, go to:
https://www.astronomyinaction.com/tour-windsor-2026-fall

Christmas Craft & Food Market – Saturday, November 14, 9am-2pm in the church hall. Sign up to volunteer, mark your calendars, and invite family and friends. Unique crafts, lunch and desserts, frozen pies and soups, and baked good galore!

Visit of Archbishop Chris Harper – November 21 & 22 - We are honoured to welcome **The Most Reverend Chris Harper**, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, to St. Matthew's. **Saturday, November 21 – Workshop (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Sunday, November 22 – Eucharist at 10 a.m.** Sign up sheet in the hall, or email: *stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org*

Steak Dinner – Friday, November 27, in the church hall; doors open at 5 pm. Sign up sheet in the hall, or reserve by email at *stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org* , or calling 519-259-2420.

Reflection of the Week Sunday, October 11, 2026
Harvest Thanksgiving

The Scriptures for Thanksgiving remind us that gratitude is not only a feeling — it is a way of life shaped by remembering who God is and what God has done. In **Deuteronomy**, Moses urges the people not to forget the Lord when they enter the land of abundance. Gratitude begins with memory: recalling that every blessing, every harvest, every joy is rooted in God's faithfulness. Thanksgiving is an act of humility — acknowledging that we live from grace, not from our own strength. In **2 Corinthians**, Paul teaches that generosity flows from a grateful heart. When we give freely, we participate in God's abundance. Gratitude becomes stewardship: a joyful offering that strengthens the community and reveals God's goodness. In **Luke's Gospel**, only one of the ten healed lepers returns to give thanks. His gratitude becomes

an encounter with Christ — a moment of deeper healing. Thanksgiving opens our eyes to God's presence and draws us closer to the One who restores us. This Sunday invites us to pause, remember, and give thanks: for God's provision, for the gift of community, and for the quiet blessings that sustain us day by day.

Questions to take home:

- Where have I seen God's generosity in my life this week? **Reflect on generosity**
- What blessings do I often take for granted? **Name daily blessings**
- How might my gratitude become an act of stewardship or service? **Explore stewardship**
- Like the healed Samaritan, where is Christ inviting me to "return and give thanks"? **Return in gratitude**

Happy Thanksgiving weekend.
Blessings to you and yours, Gilles+

Our Leadership Team

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