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
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Sunday Services

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

Fellowship Hour to follow

Mid-week Services

Wednesdays 11:00 am
said Holy Eucharist

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

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation
September 13, 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 rear of the church.

Prelude

Processional: God, Your Glorious Presence Blue Book #337 (verses 1 & 2)

The Gathering of the Community Green Book p. 185

Collect of the Day Green Book p. 380

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm: 114 Green Book p. 862

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Homily

The Apostles' Creed Green Book p.189

Prayers of the People **Response: Lord, have mercy**

Confession and Absolution Green Book p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: Amazing Grace. Blue Book #352

Prayer Over the Gifts Green Book p. 380

Eucharistic Prayer # 2 **Green Book p. 196**

The Lord's Prayer Green Book p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #1 Green Book p. 212

Lamb of God

Communion Procession: In Unity and Peace (J.J. Chapponis)

Prayer After Communion Green Book p. 381

Doxology Green Book p. 214

Recessional: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Blue Book #565

Postlude

Welcome visitors – We are blessed you are with us

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Leona Wolitski, cousin of Mary Lou Drake, and in honour of Simon Lizotte, great-nephew of Mary Lou Drake, by Mary Lou and Gordon Drake

The flowers by the organ are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleonor Campbell, by her son Malcolm, daughter in-law Pat, and grandchildren Mitchell and Taylor

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: John Rossi, Beth Felet
Organist: Laura Lavoy
Intercessor: Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick
Lector: Robert Weir
Collection Supervisor: Deb French
Sidespersons: Ginny & Bill McAdam
Communion Ministers: John Riddle, Nadine Donlon

Watering our gardens this week: Gail Henderson

Marlborough School Breakfast: Team #1: Rev'd Gilles Haché, Nadine Donlon, Dianne Iannicello.
Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Next Sunday Readings, September 20, 2026 - Proverbs 3:1-6; Ps 119:33-40; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 9:9-13.

Mid-Week Services – **Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome!

St. Matthew's Day – NEXT Sunday, September 20. Services for the Feast of St. Matthew at 8 am and 10 am. Hot dog and burger BBQ to follow the 10 am service.

St. Matthew's Memorial Windows Dedication – Sunday, September 27, 2026. Service at 10 am, presided by Bishop Todd Townshend; luncheon to follow in the church hall. **There will not be an 8 am service** on that day, so everyone may join at 10 am for this special dedication.

St. Matthew's Annual Mega Book Sale - Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3. Mark your calendars. Bookmarks and posters are available in the narthex. **Please bring your gently used books to the stage area.**

Gordie Howe International Bridge Presentation - Friday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, followed by a complimentary luncheon. Space is limited, please sign up with Irene, or email stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org

Reconciliation & Reconcili-Action - Saturday, November 21 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, November 22 — 10 a.m. led by Archbishop Chris Harper.

Steak Dinner – Friday, November 27, in the church hall; doors open at 5 pm. Make your reservations with Irene, by email at *stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org* , or call 519-259-2420.

Stewardship - Stewardship is not only about giving — it is about living our faith in ways that bless others. In the context of our outreach ministry at St. Matthew's, stewardship becomes a daily practice of compassion, presence, and shared responsibility. It is how we embody Christ's call to reconciliation, mercy, and generosity in our neighbourhood. **Here are practical, realistic ways our parish can live stewardship through outreach: Neighbourly Presence** — Visiting isolated parishioners or neighbours, offering a listening ear, and building relationships that heal loneliness. **Shared Meals** — Preparing simple meals for those in need, supporting our food ministries, or contributing ingredients weekly. **Small Acts of Mercy** — Writing cards, making check-in calls, or offering encouragement to those facing hardship.

Reflection of the Week - Sunday, September 13 — Matthew 18:21–35

Forgiveness is a way of life, not a calculation. Jesus invites us to stop counting offences and start living from the mercy we ourselves have received. Forgiveness does not erase pain, but it frees us from carrying it as a burden. It is an act of stewardship: caring for our hearts, our relationships, and our community. This parable also reminds us that forgiveness and reconciliation belong together. Reconciliation may not always mean restoring a relationship exactly as it was, but it does mean opening the door to healing, truth, and renewed dignity for everyone involved. Forgiveness softens the ground so reconciliation can take root — sometimes slowly, sometimes in small steps. When we practise forgiveness, we make room for grace to rebuild what has been strained and allow trust to grow again. In daily ministry, forgiveness opens space for compassion and helps us reflect Christ's mercy in ordinary moments.

What resentment am I still carrying that God may be asking me to release?

Whom do I need to forgive so I can live more freely?

Where do I need to ask forgiveness?

How might practising mercy change the way I serve others this week?

Blessings to you and yours, Gilles+

Our Leadership Team

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