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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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation

Sunday, October 4, 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: Sostenuto (F. Walczynski)
Processional Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies — Blue Book #5

The Gathering of the Community — Green Book p. 185

Collect of the Day — Green Book p. 384

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4; 7-9

Psalm: 19 — Green Book p. 725

Second Reading: Philippians: 3:4-14

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Homily

Anthem: Lord, Be with Us on This Day (J. Althouse)

The Apostles' Creed — Green Book p.189

Prayers of the People **Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

Confession and Absolution — Green Book p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: For the Beauty of the Earth — Blue Book #429

Prayer Over the Gifts — Green Book p. 384

Eucharistic Prayer # 1 — **Green Book p. 193**

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. 385

Doxology — Green Book p. 214

Recessional: Be Thou My Vision Blue Book #505

Postlude: Mosso Moderato (V. Engel)

Welcome visitors – We are blessed you are with us,
please let us know how we can serve you.

The Harvest Display in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: John Rossi
Lectors: Alisa Yednoroz, Jayne Flammia
Intercessor: Sharon Branch **Collection Supervisor:** Louise Davis
Sidespersons: Pat Lown, Jeannie Hopkins
Communion Ministers: Louise Davis, Luiz Montebello
Marlborough Breakfast Program: **Team 6:** Rev'd Gilles Haché, Rod Reid, Janet Snyder. **Muffins:** Gail Henderson
Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Next Sunday Readings, October 11, 2026 - Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Ps 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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. Mark your calendars, and invite family and friends. Unique crafts, lunch and desserts, frozen pies and soups, and baked good galore! **Next step: Meat Pie Assembly -** Please find sign-up sheets for cooking and meat pie assembly sessions on the back table in the hall. Many hands make light work, thank you!

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.** On Saturday, Archbishop Chris Harper will take us on a journey for truth, reconciliation, and reconcili-ACTION, and will preside and preach at our Sunday Eucharist. Please mark your calendars and invite family and friends. Sign up sheet in the hall, or email:
stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org, or call 519-259-2420.

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 4, 2026

Today's readings invite us to consider what it means to live faithfully in a world full of competing voices. The Ten Commandments remind us that God's law is not meant to restrict us but to shape a life rooted in truth, reverence, and justice. Psalm 19 celebrates this same law as something beautiful — a gift that enlightens the heart and restores the soul. Paul, writing to the Philippians, speaks of pressing on toward the goal, choosing Christ above every other claim on his identity.

Jesus' parable of the vineyard challenges us to ask whether our lives bear fruit that reflects God's goodness. The vineyard is entrusted to the tenants, just as our lives, our gifts, and our community are entrusted to us. Stewardship becomes the daily practice of tending what God has placed in our care: relationships, responsibilities, ministries, and the witness we offer to the world.

These scriptures call us to align our choices with the Gospel, to cultivate integrity, and to let our actions reflect the God we serve. When we live faithfully, we become signs of God's justice, mercy, and hope in our community.

Questions to take home:

- What part of my life is God inviting me to align more closely with the Gospel?
- Where is God asking me to bear good fruit in my daily actions?
- What habits help me stay rooted in faithfulness and integrity?
- How can I be a steward of God's vineyard in my home, parish, or neighbourhood?

Blessings to you and yours, Gilles+

Our Leadership Team

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