# 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 Feast of St. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

## Season of Creation

## Sunday, September 20, 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: Voluntary (J. Stanley)

Processional: Praise to the Lord — Blue Book #382

## *The Gathering of the Community* — Green Book p. 185

Collect of the Day — Green Book p. 423

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: Proverbs 3:1-6

Psalm: 119:33-40 — Green Book p. 870

**Refrain: Instruct me in your statues, O God.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Homily

Anthem: You Call Us, Lord. (C. Browning)

The Nicene Creed — Green Book p.188

Prayers of the People **Response: Please follow the choir**

Confession and Absolution — Green Book p. 191

The Greeting of Peace

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory: Take My Life and Let It Be — Blue Book #435

Prayer Over the Gifts — Green Book p. 424

**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: In Unity and Peace (J.J. Chepponis)

Prayer After Communion — Green Book p. 424

Doxology — Green Book p. 214

Recessional: The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy — Blue Book #631

Postlude: Tuba Tune (C.S. Lang)

**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 celebration of the Feast of St. Matthew
**The flowers by the organ are given to the Glory of God,** and in memory of Tom Fuke, husband of Amy, father of Claire,
and son-in-law of Ann and Richard

## Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

**Cantors:** Beth Felet, John Rossi, Richard Postovit
**Intercessor:** Ann Hucal **Lectors:** Kyle Reeves, Nadine Donlon
**Collection Supervisor:** Roger Wurdemann
**Sidespersons:** Gail Henderson, Gail Yascheshyn
**Communion Ministers:** Danny Yascheshyn, Kyle Reeves
**Marlborough Breakfast Program**: **Team 2:** Louise Davis, Roger Wurdemann, Lori Maisonville. **Muffins:** Gwen Allsop
**Church Nurse (by appointment):** Mary Louise Drake

**Next Sunday Readings, September 27, 2026 -** Exodus 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

### Announcements

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

**Church Open for Prayer — Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** A quiet, welcoming space to be still, reflect, pray, or simply sit in peace.

**St. Matthew's Memorial Windows Dedication – NEXT** Sunday, September 27. Service at 10 am, presided by Bishop Todd Townshend; luncheon to follow in the church hall. **No 8 am service on this day**. Please RSVP.

**St. Matthew's Annual Mega Book Sale - Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3.** Sign up to volunteer; 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 to confirm your attendance.

**Christmas Craft & Food Market — Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Save the date, more information coming soon.

**Reconciliation & Reconcili-Action —** A weekend of learning, listening, and walking together. **Please RSVP .**

Saturday, November 21 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, November 22 — 10 a.m. and luncheon

Led by the Diocese of Huron Team: Archbishop Chris Harper, Archdeacon Rosalyn Elm, and Rev. Hana Scorrar.

**Steak Dinner – Friday, November 27, in the church hall; doors open at 5 pm.** Make your reservations with Irene.

**Reflection of the Week** **September 20, 2026**

These readings reveal a God who provides generously and unexpectedly. The manna in the wilderness, Paul's trust in life and death, and Jesus' parable of the vineyard workers, all remind us that God's grace is not earned — it is given. God meets people in their hunger, their uncertainty, and even in their complaints, offering what they need for the journey.

This Sunday invites us to see our own lives through the lens of God's abundance rather than scarcity. We often measure ourselves against others, wondering who has more, who arrived first, or who deserves what. But Jesus turns our attention away from comparison and towards gratitude. God's generosity is not a reward for effort; it is a sign of God's character — faithful, surprising, and overflowing.

These scriptures also remind us that God's timing is not our timing. The workers who arrived late received the same blessing as those who laboured all day — a sign that God's mercy is wider than our expectations. In our daily lives, this calls us to practise stewardship with open hands: trusting God's provision, celebrating the blessings others receive, and offering our time and gifts without fear. When we live from abundance rather than anxiety, ministry becomes joyful, hopeful, and free.

**Questions to take home:**

- Where have I seen God's generosity recently?
- What blessings do I overlook because I am comparing myself to others?
- How can I share God's abundance with someone this week?
- What part of my life needs more trust in God's provision?

**Blessings to you and yours, Gilles+**

## Stewardship

**We live stewardship when we share our abundance.** A word of encouragement, a meal prepared for someone in need, a ride offered, a prayer spoken — these small acts become signs of God's generosity flowing through us. And stewardship deepens when we practise gratitude, naming the blessings we receive and celebrating the blessings others receive as well. Gratitude turns our hearts away from comparison and toward joy.

At St. Matthew's, abundance grows when we trust God's provision, share what we can, and give thanks for the gifts already among us.

**Our Leadership Team**

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