**Pattern of Services**

**May to July inclusive**

**All services will be at 10.00am.**

**1st, 3rd and 5th** Sundays will be services of

Holy Communion in church\*

**2nd and 4th** Sunday services will be on Zoom.

**\*Services in church** can be booked with Jenny Smith on 2687250 or jensmiff@aol.com

**Link for all Zoom Services:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78318462049?pwd=WVdnZ2V5RVNzZi9VaDQ0RXU3aVgwUT09>

Meeting ID: 783 1846 2049 Passcode: 153251. Join by phone 0131 4601196.

All Zoom Services can be accessed from our home page saintmatthewschurch.com

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**BIBLE MONTH** - June 2021 C A Methodist church will be discussing Mark's Gospel and we are invited to join them to discuss the chapters of the week on Mondays 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85375560002?pwd=UTkvdmoyMnZUTFI1aWRVOUxZcERUQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 7556 0002 Passcode: 831594

A booklet to accompany the sessions is available from David Cundall on 07989 194726, or at dbcundalls@btinternet.com

**WYDAN –**will take over a new house in mid-July and Katrina is looking for volunteers to provide food and limited support to the guests(Asylum seekers) in their houses.  This involves supporting 4 guests with others on a rota basis possibly once per month***.*** As the guests are living independently the support consists of providing shopping on a given week(two visits) and providing some spending money.Also to providea friendly face and listening ear. If you are interested in helping in this way please contact Doug Pollock and we will offer a team from St Matthew’s.

**St Matthew’s Church**

**13 June 2021 –**

 **Second Sunday after Trinity**

**10.00am on Zoom**

**Climate Sunday Our service today will focus on creation care**

***Collect for Creation***

Creator God,

you made the goodness of the land,

the riches of the sea

and the rhythm of the seasons;

As we thank you for your gracious providing

may we cherish and respect

this planet and its peoples,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament readings**

**Genesis 1. 27-30& 2.15**

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

**Leviticus 25.1-7**

The Lord said to Moses at Mount Sinai, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the Lord. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you—for yourself, your male and female servants, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten.

New Testament reading **Revelation 21:1-4**

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

*During the service short clips will be used – the full content can be seen at:*

Kate Raworth - doughnut economics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rhcrbcg8HBw>

Brene Brown - vulnerability [*https://www.ted.com/talks/brene\_brown\_the\_power\_of\_vulnerability?language=en#t-917953*](https://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_the_power_of_vulnerability?language=en#t-917953)

Johan Rockstrom -Beyond the anthropocene[*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9ETiSaxyfk*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9ETiSaxyfk)

 Song:  If the fields are parched <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LsqrROrAcM>

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**David and Susan Robinson,** send their love and best wishes to us all. They are settling well into retirement. They will join us on 19th September for the feast of St Matthew to celebrate their retirement with a shared meal in church.

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**Churches Together in Chapel Allerton and Meanwood:** The PCC has agreed to St Matthew’s signing the **Climate and Environmental Emergency Recognition** declaration which jointly resolves to take action to combat this. The document is attached. If you wish to join our growing Eco group please contact Sue Rusholme.

We require a logo for churches together climate action. Could you design one for us?

**PARISH RAMBLE Saturday 19th June** - a 5 mile (approx.) walk is planned in the local area (Woodhouse/Meanwood) observing appropriate distancing between participants.
Meet (maintaining 'social distancing') at St Matthew's Church to leave on foot at 10.00am. We should be back at the church for about 13.00.
Please contact Doug Pollock with any queries via email at stmatthewsgsl@yahoo.co.uk or 07770 685 231.

**CHURCH ACTIVITY**: The latest and last activity is available on our website encouraging us to think of those who are and have been PRECIOUS to us and to thank God that he walks with us in joy and sorrow.

**WE PRAY FOR** those who are ill or anxious especially Peter Ward, Dorothy Perrin, John, Andy, Rosie, Tessa, Nick, Jean, Iby and those known to you.

**WE COMMEND** to God’s love and mercy all those who have recently died especially those known to you.

**A PRAYER FOR ST MATTHEW’S**

Holy God, look on us in your mercy, guide us and help us to discern the future of this church and particularly the appointment of our next vicar. We pray for our church wardens, Lynda and Nick, and the PCC who will guide us, with the Archdeacon, through the process in the coming months. Help us to trust that you Lord are in the process and walk with us. We pray for the staff team and others who will lead our worship. Bless and guide us, for we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Churches Together in Chapel Allerton and Meanwood (CTCAM)**

**Climate and Environmental Emergency Recognition.**

**On the basis that:**

1. The world is facing a severe crisis of environmental degradation and climate change that affects our ability to sustain and enable creation to flourish;
2. The main cause of the crisis is human activity;
3. The crisis is inextricably linked to global injustices and inequality;
4. The crisis indicates a failure of human beings to follow God’s mandate to care for the world and to seek justice among its peoples;

**We, the leaders of Churches within Chapel Allerton and Meanwood, publicly recognise on behalf of our communities, a Climate and Environmental Emergency, and commit ourselves to:**

1. Examining our lives individually and corporately in relation to this crisis, and seeking to live faithfully to God;
2. Bringing forward, by September 2022, an action plan to minimise our negative corporate impact on the environment and climate and to help restoration where possible;
3. Encouraging our members to make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate to their circumstances;
4. Encouraging action on this emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity;
5. Using whatever influence we may have to bring about positive actions by local and national government and by corporations.

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Hopefully this document will be signed by all the churches in Chapel Allerton and Meanwood.

St Matthew’s PCC has already agreed to do so.

If you would like to contribute to St Matthew’s Eco Group Action plan please email revsue1953@gmail.com

We can start to pray now and I recommend Praying for the Earth by Rob Kelsey as a starting point.

Do you have a favourite ‘eco tip’ – let us know and we can share it on the pew sheet to encourage each other.

The task may seem colossal and you might wonder what is the point but as someone much wiser than me said ‘if you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with a mosquito!’