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**NOTICES**

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Please take this copy of the Bulletin home with you and go through it carefully. If you can take another copy to pass on to a friend or neighbour, so much the better. Thank you.

**Patronal Festival Mass and  
Licensing of  
Fr Alex Garner SSC  
as Priest Missioner  
of Ashford and Stanwell  
21<sup>st</sup> September, 19:30**

**Ashford Horticultural show**  
Being held Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September in  
St Matthews Hall

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**  
Being held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
at 09:30-12:00 at St Matthews Church  
hall. Come along and bring homemade or  
shop bought cakes to raise money and  
support Macmillan Cancer charity.

**The flower pedestal this week is in  
loving memory of Bernice's parents, Ron  
and Elsa Grant**

**Magazine deadline  
is this Today**

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If you would like notices adding to please let the parish office know via 01784 259093 or [office@smam.org.uk](mailto:office@smam.org.uk).

For visitors, envelopes with Gift Aid declarations are available so we can make your gift even more valuable.



Please ensure watch alarms and mobile phones are silenced.



Refreshments are served after Parish Mass in the Church Hall. Please stay to continue the fellowship.



Do take the news-sheet away with you for reference during the week. *Please recycle your copy of the weekly news-sheet when you have finished with it*



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*St Matthew's*  
ASHFORD



*St Mary the Virgin*  
STANWELL

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9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Birthday of the BVM

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**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

**TODAY**

08:00	Low Mass	SMAM
08:30	Low Mass	SMVS
09:30	Parish Mass	SMAM
11:00	Parish Mass	SMVS
18:30	Choral Evensong	SMAM

**Tuesday**

19:00	Low Mass	SMAM
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**Wednesday**

12:30	Low Mass	SMVS
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**Thursday**

10:00	Low Mass	SMAM
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**Friday**

19:00	Low Mass	SMVS
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**Saturday**

09:00	Rosary	SMAM
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**Sunday**

08:00	Low Mass	SMAM
08:30	Low Mass	SMVS
09:30	Baptism Mass	SMAM
11:00	Baptism Mass	SMVS
18:30	Evensong	SMAM



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**WELCOME TO VISITORS**

If you are visiting today, please do stay for refreshments (*served after the main mass in the hall*); we would be delighted to meet you. Baptised people who are communicant members of other churches are welcome to join us in communion at the Altar today. Everyone is welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. For visitors, envelopes with Gift Aid declarations are available so we can make your gift even more valuable.

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**PRAYERS**

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**THE CHURCH:**

For Elizabeth our Queen  
For Bishops  
For those who live a monastic life

**OUR NATION & THE WORLD:**

For victims of War and Natural disasters  
For those living in fear  
For Oxfam

**LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

For General Practitioners  
For Hospitals  
For the Saint Matthew Apostolic District

**THE SICK:**

(SMVS): Peter Baker, Betty Byng, Stephen Gamble, Evelyn Griffin, Alma MacMillan, Sharron Moloney, Millie Morris, Mervyn Moys, Anthony Owen, Elsie Rendell, Chris Taylor, Marge Taylor, Sally Towler, Brian Williams, Amanda Worsley, Rebecca, Sophie, Tina.

(SMAM): June Beasley, Mary Haarer, Pat Kyle, John McLaughlin, Emma Morgan, Paul Rayner, Bernice Ross, John Swaffield, Elaine Towner, Frederick Warr.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

(SMVS): Kenneth McAllan, Dawn Oyedele, Pamela Hance.

(SMAM):

**IN LOVING MEMORY:**

(SMVS): Carl King, Nicholas Llewellyn, Christine Stewart, Charles Stafford, Grace Watts, Christopher Woodham.

(SMAM): Kathleen Hickman, Michelle Fuller, Edna Wolfe

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**THE READINGS NEXT WEEK**

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**Isaiah 50:5-9**  
**Psalms 114:1-6,8-9**  
**James 2:14-18**  
**Mark 8:27-35**

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**EVENSONG READINGS NEXT WEEK**

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**Ps 119:73-88\***  
**Exodus 18:13-26**  
**Matt 7:1-14**

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**Fundraiser – Beetle Drive**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
at 18:30, St Mary's Church,  
there will be a beetle drive with Fish and  
chip supper. The cost is £8. Please see  
Brenda Gill for tickets

**St Mary's and St Matthew's  
Harvest Supper and Dance**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October in St Matthews  
Church Hall. Tickets £15 adults, £7.50  
Children, under 5's free. Bring your own  
Drinks and Glasses.

**Quiz Night**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 18:30 a  
quiz night with Curry will be held at St  
Mary's Church. The cost is £8. Please see  
Brenda Gill for tickets.

**Tesco's 'Bag for Life' scheme.**

Remember please to participate in this  
scheme at Tesco's main store Ashford.  
Collect tokens with your shopping and  
vote for St Matthews. We will be able to  
exchange these tokens for up to £4,000

**Drop in Coffee Morning**

Every Thursday morning in  
St Matthew's small hall, see notice boards  
for more details

**St Mary's Sides persons wanted**

If you feel you can help in this role,  
or want to know more,  
please speak to Brenda Gill



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## LOW MASS

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

### COLLECT

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Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord, the gift of heavenly grace, that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4

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*A Reading from the prophet Micah*

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 12(13):6-7**

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***I exult for joy in the Lord.***

Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
Let my heart rejoice in your saving help.  
Let me sing to the Lord for his goodness  
to me,  
singing psalms to the name of the Lord,  
the Most High.

**Second reading: Romans 8:28-30**

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*A Reading from the epistle to the Romans*

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary,  
and most worthy of all praise,  
for the sun of justice, Christ our God,  
was born of you.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-23**

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This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the

Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

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May the humanity of your Only Begotten Son come, O Lord, to our aid, and may he, who at his birth from the Blessed Virgin did not diminish but consecrated her integrity, by taking from us now our wicked deeds, make our oblation acceptable to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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May your Church exult, O Lord, for you have renewed her with these sacred mysteries, as she rejoices in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was the hope and the daybreak of salvation for all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## COLLECT

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**Amen.**

**OFFICE: 238**

**OFFERTORY: 196**

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## CHORAL EVENSONG

**HYMN: 310**

**PSALM: 24** *Domini est terra*

1. THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.
5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
8. Who is the King of glory: it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*Please stand*

**Bow** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. **Rise** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:1-12**

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*A reading from the Prophet Zechariah*

An Oracle.

The word of the LORD is against the land of Hadrach and will rest upon Damascus. For to the LORD belongs the capital of Aram, as do all the tribes of Israel; Hamath also, which borders on it, Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise. Tyre has built itself a rampart, and heaped up silver like dust, and gold like the dirt of the streets. But now, the Lord will strip it of its possessions and hurl its wealth into the sea, and it shall be devoured by fire. Ashkelon shall see it and be afraid; Gaza too, and shall writhe in anguish; Ekron also, because its hopes are withered. The king shall perish from Gaza; Ashkelon shall be uninhabited; a mongrel people shall settle in Ashdod, and I will make an end of the pride of Philistia. I will take away its blood from its mouth, and its abominations from between its teeth; it too shall be a remnant for our God; it shall be like a clan in Judah, and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites. Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that no one shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again overrun them, for now I have seen with my own eyes. Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold,

O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Here ends the first lesson

## **SECOND READING: Mark 10:46-end**

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*A reading from the gospel according to Mark*

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Here ends the second lesson