

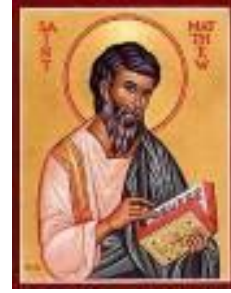
21 St Matthew

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ.

In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.



29 St Michael and All Angels



Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil. From early times, Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wilts.), Clive (Glos.) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686

English churches dedicated to him.

In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglian Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with Michael.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Our magazine benefits from your contributions. Please leave your items at the back of church in the tray marked MAGAZINE ITEMS. It would be tremendous help to us, if you have the facility, to either e-mail your contributions or drop them onto a disc (which will be returned). E-mail angiematthewson@btinternet.com
The deadline for magazine items is the 15th of each month but **PLEASE** don't leave it to the last minute!



Women's Fellowship

Programme for September

6 th Sept	Quiz
13 th	Jan & Graham Walton – Liverpool Women's Hospital Newborn Appeal
20 th	Mrs Swift 'Daughters of Isis'
27 th	Holy Communion

Sheila Highton

Men's Fellowship

Venue: H F Gaskell Lounge, Parochial Hall Billinge Road, Highfield, Pemberton
Time: Last Monday In Each Month at 8pm
[except Dec (2nd Tuesday) and Apr (2nd Monday)]

2007	Speaker	Topic
Sept 24 th	Ms Liz Duckworth (Hearing Therapist)	Deafness Awareness
Oct 29 th	Mr David Butler	Have Travel Will Camera
Nov 26 th	Mrs Gwyneth Millard	Almost a Kiwi
Dec 11 th	Mr Brian Pennington	Good-Bye Christmas
2008		
Jan 28 th	Mr G A Gorton	Travels in Peru
Feb 25 th	Mr Alan Grundy	Experiences of an Insurance Collector
Mar 31 st	Mr Bill Davidson	The Livery Companies of London
Apr 14 th	Mr Peter McKeown	Theatre-Land

Have a Good Holiday, Mind How You Go

Please try to come along – we are always looking to welcome new members

ORRELL GENTLEMEN'S LEISURE CLUB
MEET AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOMS
FLEET ST. PEMBERTON ON THURSDAYS-10.15 AM - 12 NOON

	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>ITEM/TOPIC</u>
2007		
Sept. 13 th	Mr. John Bolger	Pub sign history
Sept. 20 th	Mr Ian Vessey	Canada
Sept. 27 th	Mr Alan Grundy	Children in care
Oct. 4 th	Mr Brian Pennington	A blast from the past
Oct. 11 th	Mr Steve Rigby	My dive to the Titanic
Oct. 18 th	Mr Frank Atherton	Bits and Bobs
Oct. 25 th	Mr Terry Grimshaw	Two sides of the coin
Nov. 1 st	Mr Keith Trencher	The next bus to ?
Nov. 8 th	Rev Cohn Smith	Charles Wesley re-discovered
Nov.15 th	Mrs Lynn Vickers	Talk/slides on shoe making
Nov. 22 nd	Mr David Lythgoe	Shortest distance is a straight line
Nov. 29 th	Mr Albert Harrison	It could be anything
Dec. 6 th	The A.G.M.	Please try to attend
Dec. 13 th	The Deanery School Choir	Christmas melodies and songs

Have a Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year

The Leisure Club is seeking to extend an invitation to the retired gentlemen who attend St Matthews to join members on Thursday mornings at the Trinity Schoolrooms, Fleet Street, Pemberton.

St Matthews Guides

Our meetings in June covered designing and making cards, this produced some really good designs, having a games and puzzle night and starting a new 'Go for It' – Passion 4 Fashion. On Mrs Goodwin's last night at Guides we had a BBQ, fortunately the rain stayed away, followed by cake and a drink.

Due to the lack of Leaders we had to finish our Guide meetings at the end of June, this is earlier than usual, but we recommence on Monday 3 September 2007 when hopefully we may have some new help. We also said goodbye to Alex Rayner who is moving to a new area with her family.

At the July Church Parade Alex Rayner, Samantha Brown, Amy Duckworth, Samantha Trow and Rachel Appleton read the intercessions.

The Guiders





**St. Thomas the Martyr
Up Holland**

Seven Centuries with Flowers

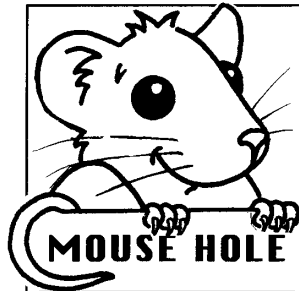
Thursday 27th September
To
Sunday 30th September

Opening Times: Thur 10am – 8pm
 Fri 10am – 8pm
 Sat 10am – 8pm
 Sun 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Admission £2.00

Help Needed

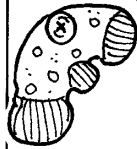
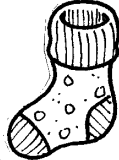
St Matthew's Guides are desperately short of leaders, Mrs Sandra Goodwin is retiring from Guides at the end of this term and Mrs Lena Gibson has resigned due to family commitments. If you are able spare a couple of hours per week or are able to help in any way and would like to find out what is involved please ring Mrs Sheila Albers on 01942 211625.



MOUSE HOLE

Sock Puppets

Make simple puppets with an old socks. Put your fingers down the end of the sock and your thumb in the heel.



Sew on buttons for eyes or use sticky paper circles.

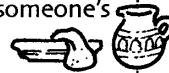
Ears and noses can be made with balls of paper or cotton wool secured with elastic bands. Use chunky knitting wool for hair.



To secure onto your arm, use a large elastic band... but make sure it's not too tight!

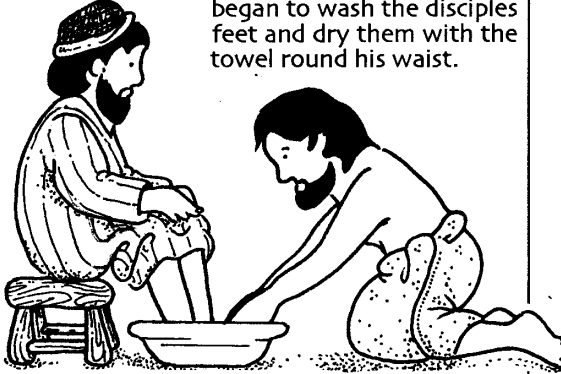
Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

In Jesus time, when you went to someone's house, the dust and dirt would be washed off your feet by a servant.



The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their feet. So Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel round his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and

began to wash the disciples feet and dry them with the towel round his waist.



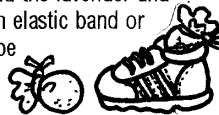
When he had finished he put on his clothes and returned to his place at the table and said

"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as have done for you"

Read this story in **John 13:1-17**
What could you do for your friends?



If your trainers smell of cheesy feet, make them smell nice by putting 2 or 3 handfuls of dried lavender into the middle of a hanky. Gather up the corners around the lavender and secure with an elastic band or ribbon. Leave one in each shoe overnight to make them smell fresh in the morning!



St. Matthew's Ramblers
Ilkley
Sat. 21st July



Ilkley was the chosen venue for the Ramblers July walk. Known as Verbia to the Romans and Ylcanley to the Saxons it is in Wharfedale.

Rombalds Moor of which Ilkley Moor is but a small part, covers an area from Hawkesworth in the east to Skipton in the West, with Dales of Wharfe and Aire being North and South respectively.

Of course it is most famous for its association the Yorkshire anthem song, On Ilkley Moor Ba'tat

The numbers of those attending on the day was badly depleted by the holidays, and the coach left The Venture with only some 36 ramblers on board, instead of the usual 50 plus.

Because of the low numbers it was decided to incorporate the "B" and "C" walks, as one walk, while the "A" walkers decided to do one "off the cuff" so to speak.

Despite the revised format, a great day out was enjoyed by all, and the combined walk started in Ilkley walking over the bridge across the River Wharfe, The walk as a whole was a mix of river, woodland and moor land walking, passing Myddleton Lodge (now used as a monastery and retreat) then by an area known as Calvary, before walking on through Myddleton Woods and returning to the town centre along the river.

On arriving back in Ilkley, the party left for a pre booked meal at the Craven Heifer near Skipton on the way home.

Next month's walk is to Hurst Green near Ribchester.

You can see photos of the above walk on the club website at

www.matthewsramblers.homestead.com

Jim Farrell

Parish Clothing Collection

May I once again ask for your help with another collection, as usual the items are, LADIES, MENS and CHILDRENS CLOTHING, BEDDING, CURTAINS, SOFT TOYS, SHOES, BELTS AND HANDBAGS.

The collection will be on Wednesday morning September 19th from 8 – 8.30am until 10am.

The hall will be open (main door) on Tuesday evening September 18th from 7pm until 8.30pm.

Please DO NOT leave anything after the van has left.

The aim for this project was to raise £1000, the two previous collections have raised a total of £727.50. I am sure that with your help we can raise £272.50 to achieve our aim.

Thank you in anticipation

Lilian Garner

PARISH PERSONALITY NO. 47
JACKIE FERGUSON



“Damn you Whitter, can’t you leave a girl some self respect! Its ears ago now and I’ve tried desperately to live it down, but you are going to rake it all up again. I’m going to lose friends over this”.

“You were quite happy to accept payment for doing it, so the public have a right to know” I snapped back. “You could have just said that I was a Civil Servant and no one would have been any the wiser, but no, you have to tell them that I was a VAT Inspector”, she wept. “I hope you reap what you have sown”, I sneered. “You frightened some good friends of mine, not least our Treasurers in your time, its time you paid for that”.

Born Jacqueline Clothier in 1958, she entered her 50th year in August. For the first 2 years of that she lived with mum Hannah and dad John in the now demolished Woodcock Row in Crook Village. John was a Deputy “down’t pit” and worked at several mines in the area. He retired eventually from his final position at Bold Colliery. Mum was a housewife, and they had tried unsuccessfully for 10 years of married life to have a child, so when Jackie finally arrived and especially when she proved to be an only child, she was “spoiled rotten”. to quote Jackie’s words.

At the age of 2 she moved with her family to Shevington and when she was slightly older was encouraged by her mum to attend church and Sunday School at St Anne’s Church in the village . Starting school at Shevington County Primary School in Miles Lane, she eventually went on to UpHolland Grammar School, which she left at the age of 16. She obtained a job with the Customs and Excise Department where she in fact remained for a total of 23 years, mainly as a VAT Inspector.

She continued to live at home with her parents, and for a short time became a Sunday School Teacher at St. Anne’s. Her parents only started to attend church and Sunday School regularly in their 60’s and John was actually confirmed at the age of 83. “My mum died in 2002 and dad said that he had promised her he would be confirmed, so the following year he was!” John himself died in 2005, at the age of 85.

She met husband Neil, another Civil Servant, at a pop quiz in Standish in 1987 and they moved to their present house in Grebe Close, Highfield in 1988. They married in November of the following year, at the Registry Office in Wigan.

Daughter Robyn was born in 1992 and Jackie continued to work though part time, for the next 3 years, until finally leaving Customs and Excise in 1995. Daughter Kirsty was born in 1996 and Jackie became a full time mum until both girls were at school.

She had always regretted not going to University, so in her early 40’s by this time, she took advantage of an Access course at Skelmersdale College and went on to do a 3 year degree course at Edge Hill College. Passing out with a 2-1 Honours degree in History, she then completed a 12 month course to take qualifications as a teacher, emerging as a fully qualified Secondary History teacher last summer.

Her first teaching position was at Fred Longworth High School, but she is now a supply teacher, happy to go where there is a demand for her skills.

Both Robyn and Kirsty were baptised at St Matthew’s and attended our school. For several years Jackie and Neil have been stalwarts of St Matthew’s P.T.F.A. becoming famous for their fund raising quizzes. Jackie is now the Chairwoman/Chairperson/Chair of the P.T.F.A. (take your pick).

In her younger days she played hockey for Wigan Ladies until she was in her late 20’s, but her sporting life nowadays is as a spectator, being a season ticket holder with Neil and Kirsty at Wigan Athletic.

She confesses to few ambitions, but as a keen attender of pop concerts, the louder the better, she looks forward to embarrassing daughter Robyn with her likes in music. Apparently it isn’t ‘cool’ to like the same music as your mother.

I think Robyn had better get used to the idea, since Jackie seems a long way yet from middle-aged sobriety.

Dave Whitter



The club's annual presentation awards took place to a packed Goose Green Social Club over a Tuesday night (11's –open age) and a Sunday afternoon (5's -10's) with over 200 people in attendance on each occasion in early June that produced record raffle receipts for the club.

The main club awards went to Mike Wynn (Merit trophy) not only for his sterling work in the development of the junior sides in the club but his Charter Standard liaison work. The Achievement award for the older section of the club went to Colin Shawcross for the open age's double (treble if you count the Tote cup) of league and league cup winners. Whilst in the junior section the other club double winners -Gary Pennington's under 10's Grange (100% league points) and cup winners were presented with this accolade.

Each team player was presented with individual trophies by the Highfield's Chairman Jim Twist plus a four special trophies (most man of matches, players player of year, managers player of the year and spectators player of the year) were also presented.

Our last team still playing competitive football - Chris Melling's new under 9's finally finished their season as league runners-up (on astro turf at Robin Park) in late June, a fitting end for a 10 months of solid work by Chris in their first competitive season.

Our teams have been also enjoying success in competition's they have entered in the close season. Gary Penninton's under 10's won a Stockport competition (see picture) whilst successfully defended their crown at the Macclesfield tournament. John Cunningham's and Mike Winrow's under 12's team won another competition.

If there is any other players of what ever age interested in joining Highfield for next season please contact me on 01942-244702. We would be particularly interested in hearing from any under 18's players (next season) and open age players or any coaches who wish to get involved in football. Coaches will be subsidized for Level 1 FA badges by the club.

Keith Berry



“Fair on the Field”

The “Fair on the Field” is to be held on St. Aidan’s field on Sunday 9th September from 12 noon to 4pm.

If you would like a stall to make money for your organisation, or for the Church Repair Fund, please phone Carol Watson on 703301.

All they ask for, is a donation of 25% of your takings on the day, for the Community Organisation.

Barbara Jenks

Gunfight at the OK Corral Mixed Doubles Competition Saturday 23rd June, 11.30 for 12 noon battle

The competition took the form of a Round Robin with 4 divisions. When everyone had played 2 games, a break was taken for lunch. This was an opportunity to talk tactics with your partner (in some cases it worked). The spectators could not believe some of the attempted cheating. A certain lady (the cricket chairman’s mother) signaled 3 down, picking up the jack, she tried to send it again, only to have her marker nearly running on the green to point out her mistake. But she knew what she was doing. The players and spectators were treated to free refreshments consisting of assorted scones and carrot cake, someone even brought their own cream. Eventually, after a lot more laughter, the final took place between Marie Clark – Trevor Davies and Elsie Hollis – Jeff Bradley.

Here’s another bit of gossip – it is well known in the bowling circles that Marie Clark loves playing in bowling competitions for money. She did that in 2006 standing in for a certain person who was in Scotland after being made a granny, but before they played the final, Marie split her trousers. So what did she do? She borrowed her sisters. Luckily, that didn’t happen this time and she won the final with Trevor.

The female referee of the final did a sterling job of keeping the rowdy spectators under control. Thanks must go to Ernie Ainscough for sponsoring the competition again this year. A good day was had by all.

Janet Foster

PS. The names of the guilty were not changed to protect their identity.

PPS. Permission was granted by Mrs Clark and the Cricket Chairman’s mother (I wonder who that is!)

**St Matthews Ladies 'B' Team Fun Day
Held on Sunday 22nd July 2007 at St. Mary's, Birchley,
Billinge.**

At 9.45am Herr Flick received a telephone call from Spikey (Janet) who was in Scotland, wishing the girls a nice day. Bowling commenced at 11am consisting of two sections of Round Robin. In between the bowling, they had the potato game which Barbara won. Barbara was also given the honour of looking after Sid the Venezuelan Flocking Parrott for one year.



The girls also voted for who would receive 'Sportswoman of the Year' shield. Sue (Vice Captain) was on the green with the shield and I couldn't believe what I was hearing when she called out for Herr Flick to receive the shield. I can assure you, I didn't vote for her! Just before the finals, the rain came so we went into the hall and had a game of bingo. June kept us in fits of laughter because she kept thinking she had got a line up and a house – but she hadn't!

The sun came out again so we started to play the finals which were between Marg & Sue for cup. An extra final was played this year between Barbara and June. Both games were played in good spirits but by this time, rain had started again. Marg won the cup and June won the other final after which, we had a fabulous three course meal. Herr Flick was wandering about as if she owned the place!. Thanks to Ronnie and Gordon for keeping the girls in check.

Next day being Monday, the team played at Highfield Gardens again Trinity 'A' team and lost by 8 points. Herr Flick was not amused! After the game, cars sped of leaving Jean, Marie and myself to follow to the lounge. I mentioned to Jean that there must be a birthday party going on because there was a banner up. When I went in, all the girls were sat there with a birthday cake in the middle of the table. The door burst open, Spikey rushed in. We knew she was in a hurry because she still had her bicycle clips round her ankles! She had been to the delegates meeting. She was waving a small piece of paper in her hand and shouting 'Good News'! Herr Flick took the piece of paper, read it and jumped up shouting 'we are at the top of the league'! it's the only time we have seen her with a smile on her face. After everyone had calmed down, the candles were lit on the cake and everyone sang Happy Birthday. I then proceeded to unwrap a very large box and to my surprise, every time I unwrapped one box, I came to another one inside. This when on for quite a while! I finally found the present the girls had given me for my 70th Birthday, it was a beautiful Timex watch.

I would like to thank all my friends for the lovely cards and presents. Special thanks to Elsie Lowe and family who have taken care of me over the years and have always been there when I needed someone to talk to. Once again, thanks and God Bless.

Cynthia



OVER THE VICARAGE WALL

The weather continues to play a major part in proceedings this season. The groundsmen around the league are working harder than ever to produce good cricket wickets. Highfield are lucky to have a great team preparing the Billinge Road tracks, expertly led by Trevor Darbyshire and ably supported by his number two Martin Gaskell. The ground is in excellent condition considering the amount of rain and is a credit to them both.

Highfield 1st continue to find the going tough especially against the sides in the top half of the league. Although, they are still in contention with 8 games left, currently lying 5th, having played 19, won 8 with 4 rain offs on 232 points. The batting is causing concern and apart from Captain Mike Farrell, the middle order are struggling for form.

The second team premier league is still proving a good challenge to young and old in Highfield seconds. A good team did have some success recently against Colwyn Bay with a resounding home victory mainly due to Steve Atkinson 75 not out. They are just above the relegation zone in 11th on 167 points.

The third team are still riding high at the top of the league on 178 points, 25 points above second place. They continue to play great cricket, especially the bowling performing extremely well with Oliver Jump, Dave Lavin and Scott Cornish taking the plaudits.

Weasel of the Month

Mike Farrell

‘Scoring hundreds for practice’

