

**St Matthew's, Bethnal Green
September 1st-7th, 2019**

Services this week:

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St Hilda's Friday 1.30pm

Morning prayer: Mon, Weds-Fri 8.30am, Sat-Sun 9am

Evening prayer: Mon, Weds-Sun 5pm

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Please feel free to stay after the service for refreshments.**

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Training events coming up!

- Sunday September 1 after church: Sunday School leaders training and social.
- Sunday September 8 after church: intercessors training and social.
- Sunday September 8, 4pm: training and social for altar servers.

St Matthew's Afternoon of Entertainment - Saturday 21st September 2pm to 6pm

Free entry. Please take fliers for your neighbours. Also need volunteers!

- a team to set up the marquee, tables and bring chairs out from 10am on

Saturday

- a team to take the marquee down and help tidy up from 6pm on Saturday

- volunteers to serve teas, coffees and soft drinks

- volunteers to bring cakes for a cake sale and encourage others to bring cakes

All help welcomed.

Any questions ask Ruth or Mother Erin. It's going to be great!

Welcome to St Matthew's Church

**11th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday, 1st September 2019**

Collect:

**O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

First Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16

'Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever.' Not a bad assurance of faith to return to in prayer. And yet, although he never changes, we do, and so our friendship with our Saviour changes, too. How has your friendship with Jesus changed over the months or years that you've known him?

Please respond to verses from **Psalm 81** with the following:
Sing merrily to God, our strength.

PLEASE STAND when the ALLELUIAS are sung.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Jesus sat down to share a meal

and showed humility to be at the heart of the Kingdom.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14

Is there anything more crushing to the ego than to hear 'Give this person your place' ? We're so good at getting comfortable with what we think we deserve! Can you think of a time that you've been made uncomfortable, when your ego has been a bit bruised? Jesus reckoned that it was only when we have these moments of humility that we begin to 'get' the logic of the Kingdom of God...

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