

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### A shortcut

#### to understanding.

In the 1970s & 80's rock bands became famous for their outlandish requests whenever they traveled to perform.

In one well known case the band asked for a bowl of M&Ms to be in their dressing room and for all the blue ones to be removed. Just one more example of the exercise of the power of the band over the little people who had to get everything ready for them.

But was it?

In fact the request was buried in what the band called a 'rider' - the document that set out exactly what the band needed in order to perform.

It included how the lights should be set up, how the stage should be set up, where the safety barriers should be, what level the sound should be set up and so on.

As bands started to tour stadiums and other venues they'd never gone to before they had no way of knowing if their very detailed requests - done for everyone's safety and enjoyment - had been followed.

So, they would bury this little request deep in the rider. If they walked into their dressing room they could see immediately if it had been read properly.

If there were blue M&Ms they knew they had to go and check every single item; but if there were none... they could trust that their requests had been carried out.



This attention to the smallest detail showed how diligently people had read the requests of the band in matters of safety and so on.

I often wonder what our blue M&Ms are? What are the tiny things that people notice when they first come to St. Anselm that will tell them that we have read scripture diligently and carried out those things we have been asked to do?

Is it the foodbank parcels perhaps? Maybe the pew sheet! Maybe the person smiling and saying, 'welcome!'

What do you think our blue M&Ms are?

Fr. Matthew

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*Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible.*

### Prayer focus

Please pray for Fr. Matthew and his family as they prepare for his collation. Also for the parish that it may continue to grow in love for Christ.

### Worship focus

Fr. Matthew will be Collated as Vicar of the parish next Sunday (24th September). Bishop Jonathan will be with us to celebrate the Mass.

## This Sunday

### Sunday 17th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

11:30-12:30pm - Sunday School

Divine Office Psalter Week 4, Year A(I)

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## Notices

Fr. Matthew's collation as Vicar will be next Sunday. Bishop Jonathan will be with us to celebrate and we're going to have a lovely bring and share lunch afterwards. If you could sign up to bring food Fr. Matthew would be very grateful. We'll have an organist and a 12 part choir that day to sing the Vaughn Williams Mass in G-Minor.

Evening Prayer is moving to 5pm during the week as we move into the autumn and winter terms and the evenings draw in. You'll still be able to join in person and live online.

There is Sunday School THIS WEEK at 11:30am-12:30pm. Please invite and encourage your children to come.

Thursday Fun & Fellowship is ON for Thursday! There are some new games to play and as always a friendly group of people ready to have a chat, share a coffee and bit of cake, and generally make the world that little bit better.

Rotas - please sign up for the tea & coffee and the reading rotas at the back of church.

**Please sign up for Parish Giving (which is a wonderful way to support St. Anselm and helps us claim more money from the government) Go to [www.stanselm.co.uk/giving](http://www.stanselm.co.uk/giving) or call the Parish Giving Team directly on 0333 002 1271 quoting our parish number, which is: 230 623 503.**

## Years Mind

17th - Emily Shackle

19th - Frank Shadbolt

20th - Edith Butler, Olive Read

21st - Peggy Harding, Glenys Phipps

22nd - Alexander Simpson

## Pray This Week For

Wayne Campbell, Norma Piggott, Gemma, Deborah Ann Potts, Julie and her Mother, Mavis and Daniel Sibley, Susannah Mansa, J, Atlantik and family, Desmond and Yolande DeGale, C, Oliver Joseph, Nadifah, Omeeta Dunrad, Raj, Raman.

### Monday 18th September

Monday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: Our online family

### Tuesday 19th September

Tuesday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

Prayer focus: For all religious

### Wednesday 20th September

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, and their Companions, Martyrs ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer & Rosary

Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society

### Thursday 21st September

Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Sung High Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

7pm - Thursday Fun & Fellowship

Prayer focus: The '59 Club

### Friday 22nd September

Friday of week 24 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers

### Saturday 23rd September

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest ●

[Offices said privately]

Prayer focus: HM King Charles III

### Sunday 24th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass & Collation of Fr. Matthew

11:30am - Bring and Share Lunch

Divine Office Psalter Week 1, Year A(I)