



# Connections

*You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem  
and in all Judea and Samaria and to  
the end of the earth.*  
*Acts 1:8*

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## SAINT MATTHEW TOLD A HUMAN STORY



Born in Palestine some time in the first century, Saint Matthew was an apostle of Jesus and one of the four Evangelists. He was the author of the first Gospel of the New Testament.

Before preaching the word of God, Matthew worked as a tax collector in Capernaum. He is celebrated as the patron saint of tax collectors and accountants. In his gospel, Matthew portrays a Jesus whose Jewish identity is beyond doubt. Like all the evangelists, Matthew is symbolised by a creature from the Book of Revelation – in his case a divine man, because his Gospel highlights Jesus' entry into this world. First he traces Jesus' family lineage back to King David; in fact all the way back to Abraham, and then tells of his wonderful incarnation and birth.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord's humanity; showing us a humble and meek man, a pattern of living for us to follow.

The Feast of St. Matthew is on September 21.

## Congratulations

to the Christ Church-St. Bede  
softball team, who were named  
the "most sportsman-like"  
at the finals of the league playoffs.  
That's an award to make  
Christians especially proud!

## The children are back!



Registration for Sunday School at Christ Church was September 8, and everyone was excited to be starting a new season of wonderfully creative and loving hours with the teachers. The congregation, too, will enjoy the occasions when the youngsters add their special gifts to our praise.

From the smallest newcomer to boys and girls just entering the teen years, this short time of discovering the truths of the faith is a foundation for their later life in Jesus.

Pastor Pam will be happy to talk with parents and grandparents about how families can nurture their young ones by making them part of the happy group of students at Christ Church.

Regular classes begin on September 15.

Please pray for Deb A and her father Bob, Anne S, Annet K, Barb N, Cathy N, Corinne P, Eburn D, Hannah, Joan N, John J, Myrna H, Peter F, Rozella B, Viggy M.



# A mighty warrior for God



Saint Michael, whose feast day is September 29, is also called Saint Michael the Archangel. In the Bible and in the Qur'an he is named as one of the archangels.

Archangels are mentioned in Christian, Judaic and Islamic religious texts. In the Christian Bible, the word *archangel* is only used twice, once generally and once to refer to Michael,

although there are many other figures in Christianity considered to be archangels. The Greek word, *arkhangelos*, is made up of *arkh*, "first or chief," and *angelos*, "angel."

Michael is often shown as the "great captain," the leader of the heavenly hosts, and the warrior helping the children of Israel. He was "the angel who spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai" (Acts 7:38).

Early in the history of the Christian church, Michael was regarded as the helper of the church's armies against the heathen and against the attacks of the Devil.

Representations of Michael in art reflect his character as a warrior: he is shown with a sword, in triumph over a dragon, from the story in the Book of Revelation.

## SHANAH TOVAH (HAPPY NEW YEAR)

This greeting, which means "May you be inscribed for a good year in the book of life" is used for a solemn holiday called Rosh Hashanah or Head of the Year, which begins the calendar year for our Jewish neighbours. In 2019 it starts on the evening of September 29. This is the beginning of a ten day period of repentance and self-assessment that ends with Yom Kippur, the "day of atonement", when tradition says God determines each person's fate for the coming year.



Many Jews, go to the synagogue for the services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. One special activity that they don't want to miss is the sounding of the shofar, or ram's horn.

At home, a special activity is eating apples dipped in honey. Probably the most important activity associated

with this holiday comes between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: trying to repair relationships and make apologies for bad behavior in the previous year.



Ten days later, on October 8, Yom Kippur brings a different kind of day. Whereas Rosh Hashanah is celebrated with festive meals, on Yom Kippur, Jews fast the entire 24-hour period, spend most of the day's waking hours in prayer and introspection.

In addition to all the negatives involved in fasting - not eating, not drinking, not washing, not wearing leather, not having sexual relations - there are a lot of things to do on Yom Kippur. Mainly there are a lot of traditional prayers and things to read in the synagogue. For a lot of Jews who aren't very observant, Yom Kippur is special because it's the day they go to memorial services to honor dead relatives.

**Readings for September 15** Jeremiah 4: 11 and 12, 22 to 28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1: 12 to 17; Luke 15: 1 to 10

**Readings for September 22** Jeremiah 8: 18 to 9:1; Psalm 79:1 to 9; 1 Timothy 2: 1 to 7; Luke 15: 1 to 10

**Readings for September 29** Jeremiah 32: 1 to 3a and 6 to 15; Psalm 91: 1 to 6 and d 14 to 16; 1 Timothy 6: 6 to 19; Luke 16: 19 to 31



# Dates to remember

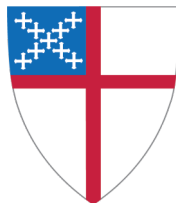
Each September 30 the church remembers Saint Jerome, who died in 420. He was a Bible scholar and one of the most learned of the Latin Fathers. The greatest of his many works was the translation of the Bible into Latin, a monumental tome known as the Vulgate Bible.



On September 28, 929 (or 935 - they were not precise about dates in those days) the king remembered in the carol "Good King Wenceslas" was murdered by his brother. During his reign Wenceslas cared for the poor and tried to bring his people into closer

connection with the Western world.

September 27, 1785 saw American Anglicans meet in Philadelphia to create a denomination independent from the Church of England. This new denomination is now known as the Episcopal Church in the USA.



September 22, 1871 Charlotte Elliott, an Anglican hymn writer, died. Although she was an invalid during her last fifty years, she wrote 150 hymns, including the well-known altar call "Just as I am" used by Billy Graham at his crusades.



September 20, 1900 Visser't Hooft, a Dutch Reformed leader, was born. He became Secretary of the World Alliance of YMCAs and later was founding General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

September 16, 1976 The Episcopal Church in the United States approved the ordination of women to the priesthood, legitimizing an action in which four bishops had ordained 11 women in 1974. At that time this action was in defiance of church law. (Canada's General Synod approved the ordination of women to the priesthood in 1975, which was also the UN International Year of Women.)



## Diversity

means

having a seat

at the table

## Inclusivity

means

having a voice

at the table

## Belonging

means

having that voice

heard



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