

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

September 20th, 2026

DAILY BIBLE READING

A modified table of daily Bible Readings from the Prayer Book:

Sunday	2 Chronicles 12	1 Thessalonians 2.1-16
Monday	2 Chronicles 13	1 Thess. 2.17 to end of chapter 3
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 14	1 Thess. 4.1-12
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 15	1 Thess. 4.13- 5.11
Thursday	2 Chronicles 16	1 Thess. 5.12-end
Friday	1 Kings 16. 15-end	2 Thessalonians 1
Saturday	1 Kings 17	2 Thessalonians 2

Let us pray for the Bible to be visible and read daily in every home in our community.



This Week in the Parish

Tonight: 7:00 pm Evening Prayer (St. Paul's)

God willing, the Order for Morning and Evening Prayer will be prayed this week at St. Thomas' on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 am and 5:00 pm respectively.

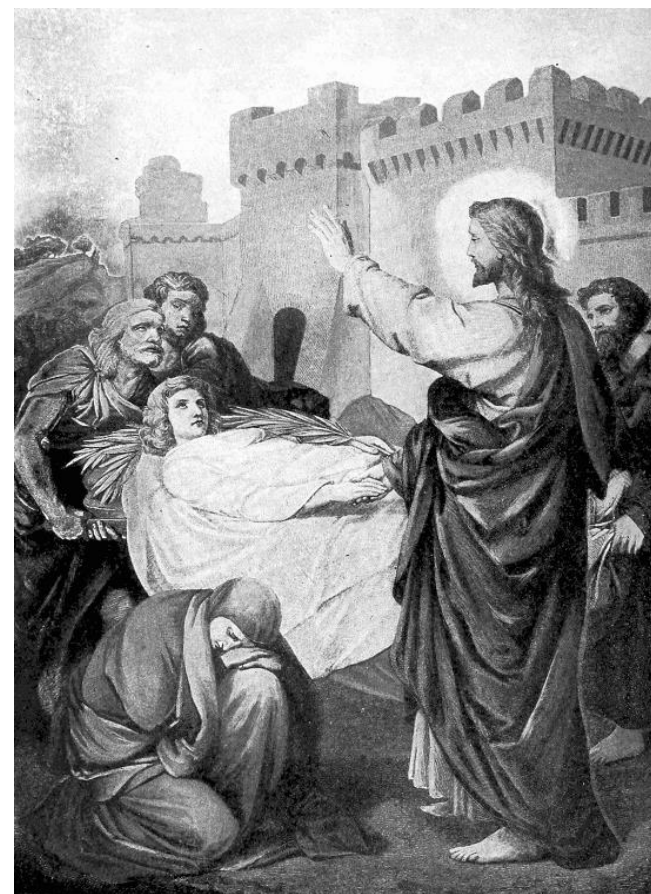
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- **Thanks to everyone** for the beautiful pot-luck last Sunday. It was a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship!
 - **Congratulations to the ACW** on their entries at the Stanley Fair! They raised \$200.00 in prize money; All of which will be used for outreach.
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Let us remember before God those of our sisters and brothers who have departed this life and are at rest:

Betty Wilson

Carole MacDonald

The Parish of Stanley



“Young man, I say to you, ‘Arise’”.

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Coming up soon...

† **Next Sunday:** 10:00 am Holy Eucharist at St. Thomas' Church

† **Next Sunday:** The Annual Service at Woodlands Union Church is set for 3:00 pm with a reception to follow.

† **Monday, September 21st:** Installment of the new heating system is to begin at St. Thomas'.

† **Our Harvest Thanksgiving** celebration begins on Sunday, October 11th with the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am at St. Paul's, Cross Creek and Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas' Church. Decorating at St. Paul's is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, October 10th. Fruits and vegetables are needed, please.

† **Used Book Sale** at Holy Trinity Church in Nasonworth: Friday, Oct. 30th, 4-7 pm and Saturday, Oct. 31st, 8 am -1 pm. If you wish to donate books, please email holytrinity@htacnm.ca. Thank you!

Groaner!... A little girl asked her mother, "Where did people come from?" Her mother took her Bible, turned to the Book of Genesis, and answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and that's how all mankind was made."

A couple of days later she asked her father the same question. Not a man of faith, the father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from." Confused, the little girl returned to her mother and said, "Mommy, how is it possible that you told me that we were created by God, and Daddy said we came from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family, and your father told you about his."

Thirty years ago, we had a man come to church who had worked with Canada's Border Service Agency. He was a customs officer. Twenty years into his career, he sensed the Lord calling him to be a priest.

But at that point, he and his wife had two children, and he wondered if it was wise to leave a well-paying job in the federal government for the much lower stipend and unpredictable hours of a parish priest. However, the Lord moved him by the Holy Spirit, and he could not resist: he took a leap of faith, quit his job, and went back to school.

I can't remember how it came about, but he was with us for the Feast of St. Matthew as his final year of seminary began. It must have been a Sunday because there was a pot-luck after the Service. We were presenting him with a gift and wishing him well, when he broke down in tears.

After composing himself, he explained the significance of the day: St. Matthew had been a tax collector; and, as a customs officer, so had he. And when he heard the Gospel for the day, how the Lord Jesus met Matthew, right at his place of business and said to him, "Follow me" – the emotions of his own situation washed over him. He, too, had heard the Lord say to him, "Follow me". And he had fought the call. But, oh the sheer relief and joy he felt after he obeyed it!

Tomorrow, September 21st, the Church will once again remember St. Matthew. Jewish by birth, he was hated by his own people, and regarded as a traitor, because he worked for the governing Romans. And yet, when Jesus called him from that work, Matthew arose and followed the Lord. May God give us grace to forsake the love of money and to follow our Saviour. As the song says, "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back!"