

## Prayer & Worship Gatherings

<b>Tuesday mornings</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Prayer meeting in church</b> (every week) All are welcome to pray for the week ahead
<b>Sunday 17th Sept</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Mission Prayer Breakfast</b> (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links
<b>Tuesday 19th Sept</b> 7.45pm - 9.30pm	<b>Hungry</b> (once a month) An evening of seeking God's presence through prayer and worship, with art material available
<b>Thursday 28th Sept</b> 7.30pm - 9.30pm	<b>Worship Evening Sessions</b> (once a month) This informal gathering of the worship team is a great opportunity to get together, get to know new songs and hone our skills

## Weekly Events

All our midweek groups and activities run during term-time.

<b>Mondays</b>	3.30pm - 5pm	<b>Deeper</b> for children in school years 3 - 5
<b>Tuesdays</b>	7pm - 9.30pm	<b>Youth House Group</b> for school years 11 - 13
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6pm - 7.30pm	<b>Ignite</b> for school years 6 - 10
<b>Thursdays</b>	10am - 11.30am	<b>Matt's Monkeys toddler group</b> for pre-school children and their parents / carers
<b>Fridays</b>	8.30am - 10.30am	<b>Breakfast Café</b>

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If you would like to place a notice in this notice sheet, please email the office

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# st matt's

*igniting passion for Jesus*

## 17th September 2017

## Welcome to St Matt's

We hope you enjoy being with us today.  
Our church is informal and family-friendly, and we serve tea and coffee at the back of the church throughout the service, except during prayer.

During our 10am service (except our family service on the 1st Sunday of the month) we have groups for babies, children and teenagers - please see inside for more information or ask a member of the Welcome Team.

We also have a more traditional service at 5pm and a gathering with more space to worship at 7pm.

If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourself to us - we would love to get to know you.

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## Sunday Services

Our Sunday Services are held at 10am and 5pm. On the first Sunday of the month there is also a Book of Common Prayer communion service at 8am.

**10am:** informal and friendly, with groups for the children, except for the 1st Sunday of the month which is our family service. Great coffee is served!

**5pm:** traditional and welcoming, tea and cake is served from 4.30pm

Our sermon series for our 10am services this term is **Encounters with Jesus**.

### Sunday 17th September

10am	Nicodemus	Graham Hickson-Smith
5pm	Deliverance	Chris Wicks

### Sunday 24th September

10am	The Samaritan Woman	Izzie MacDougall
5pm	Provision	Mark Gabriel

## Children & Youth on Sundays

During term time, we run groups for all children, 0-18 years old, except for the 1st Sunday of the month when we have our family service.

<b>Shine</b>	0-2 year olds	they meet in the church centre
<b>Glow</b>	3 year olds to school year 1	leave by the church centre door
<b>Bright</b>	school years 2 to 5	leave by the main church door
<b>Encounter</b>	school years 6-13	leave by the office door

## Seven

Seven is a gathering of believers, creating space to focus on Jesus and worship him. No formula. Just authentic relationship.

We meet on a Sunday evening, from 7pm - 8pm in church, and then go onto The Brick Works afterwards for a drink. Everyone is welcome.

<b>17th Sept</b>	Making your peace	Karen Hickson-Smith
<b>24th Sept</b>	Love your enemies	Chris Wicks

## Events and notices

**Hungry worship & prayer evening** Tuesday 19th Sept 7.45pm - 9.30pm

**Afternoon Tea to celebrate Chris & Carole's 25 years at St. Matt's**  
Saturday 23rd September 3pm-6pm

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** Tuesday 26th September 10.30am - 1pm

Please come and help raise money for this fantastic cause. There will be refreshments to buy and various stalls in church.

**Revive Women's Breakfast** Saturday 30th Sept 8.30am - 10.30am

Jennifer Rees Larcombe will be speaking at our next women's breakfast, on Fear and Faith. Join us for coffee and croissants from 8.30am, followed by worship, teaching and ministry. This is a time for all women to meet, enabling us to spend time with God and draw closer to Him, without any of the distractions of church.

The new Revive flyers for this year are available at the back of church.

**Connect Mentoring Quiz evening** Saturday 20th Oct 7.30pm - 10pm

Raising funds for the Connect Mentoring project (run in secondary schools by Life & Soul and TWYFC), this quiz evening will be held at Skinners Kent Academy, £5 a ticket. You can come as a team of 8, or you can be put in a team on the night. Soft drinks and nibbles provided, and a cake auction! To book tickets, **either** email Mary at maryw\_connect@lifeandsoul.org.uk or go to [www.jumblebee.co.uk/quizevening](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/quizevening)

**School Forms** - if you will need Chris to sign a secondary school application form, please book a time with the office to see him sooner rather than later!

**The Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter** will be opening again for its seventh year on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018. Running for nine weeks, we have 12 beds for men and women who would otherwise be sleeping rough. Would you like to join our volunteer team? We need volunteers to man the shelter, to cook, to wash laundry. We need people to pray and if you have a particular skill you would be willing to use, such as hairdressing, we would be delighted to hear from you too. Training is provided and is compulsory for new volunteers. Training is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1pm-4pm at St Augustine's Church, **or** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm-10pm at the Salvation Army. There will also be training from Kent Police which new volunteers will need to attend – dates to be confirmed. Email [office.twcws@gmail.com](mailto:office.twcws@gmail.com) for more details. We look forward to hearing from you!