

Prayer & Worship Gatherings

Tuesday mornings 8am - 9am	Prayer meeting in church (every week) All are welcome to pray for the week ahead
Sunday 15th Oct 8am - 9am	Mission Prayer Breakfast (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links
Tuesday 17th Oct 7.45pm - 9.30pm	Hungry (once a month) An evening of seeking God's presence through prayer and worship, with art material available
Thursday 26th Oct 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Worship Evening Sessions (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.

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

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

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igniting passion for Jesus

8th October 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 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, 5pm and 7pm.

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

Seven: space to focus on Jesus and worship Him. No formula, just authentic relationship. 7-8pm in church, and then drinks at The Brick Works afterwards.

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

Sunday 8th October

10am	The healing at Bethesda	Suzanne Owen
5pm	Thou shalt not...	Julian Brierley
7pm	Soaking and communion	

Sunday 15th October

10am	The woman caught in adultery	Chris Wicks
5pm	What are we really worshipping?	Martin Franklin
7pm	A prayerful life	

Sunday 22nd October

10am	Mary and Judas	Karen Hickson-Smith
5pm	Seeing the unseen	Chris Wicks
7pm	True worship	

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.

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

Thank-you!

We just wanted to say a huge thank you for the gifts and tea party you gave us for to celebrate 25 years at St Matt's. we were overwhelmed by your love and generosity.

It was lovely to be able to share it with so many of you and see people who had been part of St Matts again.

Thank you especially to Dee for the amazing cake depicting St Matts as a family, which we are so privileged to be part of, and to Fran for the other cake representing the building .

Thank you to those that organised the party and the musicians who had secretly found our favourite music!

Thank you also for all your gifts and kind words in the cards.

We appreciate the amount of thought that went into the gifts- flowers and plants- to enjoy and photograph. Olives and chocolate- our favourites! Prosecco and marmalade - to enjoy. A next voucher for Carole - will be well used in the Boxing Day sale - think of me at 5am! And finally the very generous cheque - we haven't decided how to use it yet, but we will probably put it towards something electronic.

As we said we appreciate you all so much and are so grateful for your love and for being who you are. We thank you for walking with us these 25 years and look forward to seeing what the next season brings.

Connect Mentoring Quiz evening Saturday 14th 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

Items being given / wanted

Chris and Carole have a multi-gym to give away, free to a good home, but it needs to be collected.

Board games wanted for Ignite and Deeper—if you have any at home which you don't use any more, could you let Lois or Tom know please.

Toy car garage wanted for toddler group - anyone have one not being used?