

## 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 15th Oct</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Mission Prayer Breakfast</b> (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links
<b>Tuesday 17th Oct</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 26th Oct</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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# st matt's

*igniting passion for Jesus*

## 15th 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 15th October

10am	The woman caught in adultery	Chris Wicks
5pm	What are we really worshipping?	Martin Franklin
7pm	Testimony and prayer evening	

### Sunday 22nd October

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

### Sunday 29th October

10am (family service)	Fifth Sunday Madness! - The man born blind	
5pm	The end of an era	Dedo Rampe
7pm	Don't worry	Suzanne Owen

## 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

## Hungry

**This Tuesday (17th Oct), 7.45pm - 9.30pm in church**

Join us for time to seek God's presence through worship and prayer.

### Face to Face with Jesus

**Tuesday evenings in Nov and Dec**

Would you like to find out more about Jesus?

Would you like to check out for yourself what the Christian faith is all about?

Chris will be leading this 7-week look at the signs and miracles of Jesus in John's gospel. It's a great chance to ask questions and share ideas.

Please see Chris if you would like to come, or for more information.

### New Wine 2018

As you know, many of us from St. Matt's go to New Wine in the summer, which is held in Shepton Mallet, in Somerset.

There will be a group of us going again next year, and the super early bird booking rate (the cheapest rate for booking) finishes on 3rd December.

We will be going to Week 1, which is from Saturday 28th July to Friday 3rd August 2018.

If you would like any more information, have a look on the New Wine website, or talk to someone who has been before!

### Marriage weekend

There is a forthcoming Engaged Encounter Weekend at The Emmaus Centre, Layhams Road, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9HH on 17th - 19th November 2017 for those starting out in marriage.

"Engaged Encountered Couples tell us that they find the weekends really helpful in starting their marriage on a strong footing."

Couples can book via <http://www.engagedencounter.org.uk/Weekends.php>

### 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, Happy Land toys and a play pop-up tent** wanted for toddler group - if you have any of these and are happy to donate them, please let Lois know.