

## Prayer & Worship Gatherings

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| <b>Tuesday mornings</b><br>8am - 9am        | <b>Prayer meeting in church</b> (every week)<br>All are welcome to pray for the week ahead  |
| <b>Sunday 19th Nov</b><br>8am - 9am         | <b>Mission Prayer Breakfast</b> (once a month)<br>A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links   |
| <b>Tuesday 21st Nov</b><br>7.45pm - 9.30pm  | <b>Hungry</b> (once a month)<br>An evening of seeking God's presence through prayer and worship, with art material available  |
| <b>Thursday 23rd Nov</b><br>7.30pm - 9.30pm | <b>Worship Evening Sessions</b> (once a month)<br>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.

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| <b>Mondays</b>    | 3.30pm - 5pm     | <b>Deeper</b><br>for children in school years 3 - 5                                       |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | 6pm - 7.30pm     | <b>Ignite</b><br>for school years 6 - 10  |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | 10am - 11.30am   | <b>Matt's Monkeys toddler group</b><br>for pre-school children and their parents / carers |
| <b>Fridays</b>    | 8.30am - 10.30am | <b>Breakfast Café</b>   |
| <b>Sundays</b>    | 5pm - 6.30pm     | <b>Youth House Group</b><br>for school years 10 - 13                                      |

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# st matt's

*igniting passion for Jesus*

## 26th November 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 26th November

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| 10am | Mary Magdalene           | Dedo Rampe  |
| 5pm  | Christ the King          | Chris Wicks |
| 7pm  | God's plan: the prophets | tbc         |

### Sunday 3rd December

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| 8am                   | Book of Common Prayer communion service |             |
| 10am (family service) | Advent Sunday - Love                    | Lois Fryett |
| 5pm                   | Advent Sunday                           | Trevor Long |
| 7pm                   | God's plan - John                       | tbc         |

### Sunday 10th December

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| 10am | Advent - Hope     | Chris Wicks       |
| 5pm  | The forerunner    | Elizabeth Haughan |
| 7pm  | God's plan - Mary | tbc               |

## 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.

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| <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        |

## Christmas Cards for our Link Mission Partners

### Please sign TODAY!!

We always like to send greetings to our Link Mission Partners at Christmas.  
We need to do this quickly to catch the post!  
Our children are doing the artwork for the cards, and the insides are ready to sign at the back of church. (It doesn't matter if you're not personally known to them, it's just encouraging for them to be thought of).

### Planning ahead for Christmas? Why not join in the giant St Matt's Christmas Card 2017?

Instead of sending lots of cards to friends at St Matt's, how about signing the giant, joint card (we will have this available in church to start signing in December) and give the money you would have spent on cards to our Christmas Offering. This year our offering will be going to the disabled children in Shalom, Peru – more details coming soon.

The front of the card will be unveiled on Christmas Day!

Jean will be selling homemade Christmas cards and greetings cards in church to raise money for Geita, Tanzania, on Sunday 19th and 26th Nov, and Sunday 10th Dec.

## Nourish Foodbank

We will be collecting food for Nourish at our next family service as usual. They currently need **tinned fish, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, toilet roll, pulses, sugar, coffee, squash, cereal, powdered/UHT milk, dog & cat food.**

They have plenty of pasta, soup and beans!!

They are also launching their reverse advent calendar again this year.

<http://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk/reverse-advent/>

We will put the link on Facebook once it is launched.

## Christmas flyers

Our Christmas flyers are here, with all the information about our Christmas services on. Thank-you to Nick Cheesman for designing them for us!

We have hundreds (literally!) so please do take them to give to friends, family, neighbours, etc.

They will also go in the book bags of every child at St. Matt's school and we will get the info on our Facebook page as well to share.