

Next week's Services:

10am	Tearfund's work with refugees	Edward Woods
5pm	Trustworthy?	Chris Wicks
7pm	Worship evening	

Midweek Activities:

M	15:45 - 16:45 Deeper 20:00 Leadership Team meeting	T h	10:00 - 12:00 Matts Monkeys
T	19:45 - 21:30 Hungry evening	F	08:30 - 10:30 Breakfast Café Dee's Christmas Cake Course
W	18:15 - 19:45 Ignite	S	

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NOTICES & NEWS

11th September 2016

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.

Today's Services:

10am	Rome wasn't built in a day Baptisms of Nick, Charlotte and Charis	Bill MacDougal
5pm	Careless—Negligent or Faithful?	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	Eating together—more info from Jon	

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This term at St. Matthew's

Living as Christians in today's world

This Sunday we begin our Autumn teaching series, looking at Paul's letter to the Romans in our morning worship and in our Housegroups. Bill MacDougall has prepared the programme and we are really excited about getting to grips with what is theologically Paul's most significant epistle. We want to keep it practical though, so we will be seeking to discover together what it means to live as Christians in today's world. If you miss any of the teaching, as usual, you will be able to catch up on the church website where our talks can be downloaded.

tearfund Harvest, Tearfund and Nourish

Our speaker next Sunday is Edward Woods, who works with Tearfund and has recently been in Lebanon working with refugees. This is because our Harvest cash offerings this year will be going to Tearfund. We have chosen Tearfund because of the ongoing refugee crisis and their work in this area, so please prayerfully consider what you can give. If you would like to bring produce to our Harvest service on the 1st Sunday in October, it will go to Nourish food bank in Tunbridge Wells. (Watch this space for a list of items to bring).

Multicultural dining!

St. Matt's is a very diverse community so we thought we would celebrate this by holding a "Multi-cultural food festival" on **Saturday 24th September**. Come and enjoy food from Belgium, Iran, Holland, Ireland, Jamaica, Wales, Turkey, Sierra Leone, Philippines, America, Goa, New Zealand, Zimbabwe & Sri Lanka - pick up a flyer from the back of church to find out more. Tickets £5.00 each from Carole or the church office. Get yours early - you don't want to miss out!!

Hungry - Tuesday 13th September

We plan to continue with the Hungry evenings this term. There is no agenda at these events, it is simply a time to seek God's presence through prayer and worship. We meet in the church building on the second Tuesday of each month. Coffee and cake are available from 7.45pm and we will finish by 9.30pm. There is always art material available or feel free to bring your own if you would like to use your creativity in worship and prayer.

Youth Weekend Away

If you are in years 6-13 we would love for you to join us for a weekend at Carroty Wood adventure centre from the 30th September-2nd October. It promises to be an awesome weekend with plenty of exciting activities, good food and laughs. We also have a brilliant guest speaker joining us for the weekend. All of this for just £55, but if you aren't able to cover the costs we will also be doing a fundraiser in church this month! Ask Claire Carroll for a sign up sheet.

Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter will be opening for its 6th season on 2nd January 2017. It will provide a warm bed, nutritious food, friendship, care and lots of assistance with finding accommodation for up to 12 rough sleepers. It will be open for nine weeks, closing on the morning of 6th March 2017.

And we need you! We need volunteers to man the shelter over three different shifts (evening, overnight or morning), people to cook, to launder, to help with logistics such as moving camp beds in the morning and to pray. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Wendy Hogg, Project Manager on 07513 377951 or email office.twcws@gmail.com Training will be provided and will start in October. Website: tunbridge-wellswintershelter.co.uk Many thanks!



Christmas Cake Course

Dee will once again be running her Christmas Cake making course this Autumn – bake and decorate your own cake and have it all ready for Christmas. Flyers at the back of church or contact Dee at desiree1947@gmail.com.