

Next week's Services:

10am	Good news for a change (Romans 1:16-17)	Chris Wicks
5pm	A long term investment	Martin Franklin
7pm	Share	

Midweek Activities:

M	15:45 - 17:00 Deeper 20:00 DCC meeting	T h	10:00 - 11:30 Matts Monkeys 19:30 Band practice
T		F	08:30 - 10:30 Breakfast Café
W	18:00 - 19:30 Ignite	S	19:30 Multi-Cultural Food Festival

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NOTICES & NEWS

18th 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	Tearfund's work with refugees	Edward Woods
5pm	Trustworthy?	Chris Wicks
7pm	Worship evening	

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This term at St. Matthew's

Living as Christians in today's world

Last Sunday we began our Autumn teaching series, looking at Paul's letter to the Romans in our morning worship and in our Housegroups. Bill Mac-

Dougall 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.



Harvest, Tearfund and Nourish

Our speaker today 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. The items they currently need are:

- Tinned fish
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned spaghetti
- Long life milk
- Tinned pies
- Toilet roll
- Cereal

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 at 7.45pm**. Come and enjoy food from Belgium, Iran, Holland, Ireland, Jamaica, Wales, Turkey, Sierra Leone, Philippines, America, Goa, New Zealand, Zimbabwe & Sri Lanka. Tickets £5.00 each from the back of church today or the church office.

Youth Weekend Away Fundraiser

Next Sunday (25th) we will be holding a Cake Sale Fundraiser for the youth weekend away- in order to help ensure all kids who want to can go to the youth weekend away. If you would like to donate some cakes then sign up at the back or let Claire Carroll know. Otherwise come prepared next Sunday to purchase some cakes for a good cause!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's Church on **Tuesday 27th September from 10.30am—1pm**. Stalls include cakes, raffle, groceries, gifts & toiletries and Phoenix cards. Refreshments will be available in the Church Centre from 11.30am onwards. Everyone welcome!

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property at the back of church (on a table at the back of church). Please have a look to see if anything belongs to you. It won't stay there indefinitely!!

Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter will be opening for its 6th season on 2nd January 2017 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: tunbridgewellswintershelter.co.uk