

Next week's Services:

10am	Harvest Family Service (Baptism)	Mike Harrowing
5pm	Harvest - being thankful	Trevor Long
7pm	Harvest Celebration - patience	Katy Johnson

Midweek Activities:

M	15:45 - 17:00 Deeper 20:00 PCC meeting	Th	10:00 - 11:30 Matts Monkeys
T	10:30 - 13:00 Macmillan Coffee Morning in church	F	08:30 - 10:30 Breakfast Café 19:30 - 21:30 Dee's Christmas cake course
W	18:00 - 19:30 Ignite	S	

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NOTICES & NEWS

25th 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	Good news for a change (Romans 1:16- 17)	Chris Wicks
5pm	A long term investment	Martin Franklin
7pm	Share	

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This term at St. Matthew's

Living as Christians in today's world

Two weeks ago we began 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.



Harvest, Tearfund and Nourish

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 take an envelope away this week to bring back next week with your offering in, please take a gift aid envelope from the back of church and label it HARVEST.

If you would like to bring produce to our Harvest service on the 2nd 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

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!

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



New Wine 2017

New Wine bookings are open for 2017! St. Matt's will be going to week 1, which is from 22nd—28th July 2017.

The Super Early Bird rate gives you the most discount, if fees are paid in full by 30/11/16. You can save £25 on an adult ticket!

If you have a child in any of the children's or youth groups at St. Matt's, please can you fill in a registration form and give it to Jon or Claire. Forms available at the back of church.

Mission updates

Please see our mission noticeboard on the Gordon Road side of church for updates from Steve Morris in South Africa and from Bishop Musa in Tanzania.

Apples please!

The Chapter 1 clients are making chutney to fundraise over the Christmas period, and would like donations of apples for this.

Please give any donations to Ruth Farthing.