

## Next week's Services:

10am	Remembrance Sunday	Chris Wicks
5pm	Memorial Service	Suzanne Owen
7pm	Meals	

## Midweek Activities:

<b>M</b>	15:45 - 17:00 Deeper 20:00 - 22:00 DCC meeting	<b>Th</b>	10:00 - 11:30 Matt's Monkeys
<b>T</b>	08:00 - 09:00 Prayer meeting  19:45 - 21.15 Hungry	<b>F</b>	8:30 - 10:30 Breakfast Café
<b>W</b>	18:00 - 19:30 Ignite	<b>S</b>	

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# NOTICES & NEWS

**6th November 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	Family Service with Baptism	Jon Carroll
5pm	Standing Firm	Trevor Long
7pm	Celebration (Kindness)	Karen Hickson-Smith

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## What's on at St. Matt's

### Living as Christians in today's world

We hope you are enjoying our Autumn teaching series, looking at Paul's letter to the Romans. If you have missed any sermons, you can catch up on the church website where our talks can be downloaded. You can also watch the short video which introduces the series.

#### Welcome event

**Sunday 4th December 2016**

There will be a welcome afternoon tea on Sunday 4th December for anyone who is fairly new to St. Matt's Church. This is a chance to meet people and to find out a bit more about our church.

If you would like to come, please give your names to Carole Wicks.

#### Revive Christmas Event!

**Friday 25th November**

**7.45pm—10pm**

Come and try your hand at making some Christmas presents and decorations whilst chilling out with a glass of mulled wine and delicious Christmas nibbles. All ladies welcome (over 14s only). Bring your friends!!

Tickets £8 available from Carole or the church office.

#### Prayer meeting

**Tuesday mornings, 8am—9am**

Every Tuesday morning there is a prayer meeting in church, open to everyone. We spend some time looking at a Bible passage and then pray for the coming week.

#### Choir for Carol Service

**Mondays, 7.30pm, in church**

Suzy Johnson is starting rehearsals for the Christmas choir this Monday. If you enjoy singing and would like to be involved then come along to rehearsals. See Suzy for more details.

#### Hungry

**Tuesday 8th November, 7.45pm - 9.30pm**

Join us as we set aside time to seek God's presence through prayer and worship. Art materials are available to use in creative worship. Coffee and cake are available from 7.45pm and we will finish by 9.30pm.

## Christ Church Christmas Fair

**Saturday 12th November 11am—1.30pm**

Cake stall, gifts, toys, books, jewellery, chocolate tombola, raffle, children's activities and much more. Plus refreshments—mulled wine, mince pies, tea, coffee & cakes and homemade soup. Free entrance.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The local Operation Christmas Child team needs volunteers to check gift shoeboxes in the second half of November at the former Homebase premises in Tonbridge - which have been given free of charge for this venture.

Last year, the local team checked and dispatched 20,000 gift shoeboxes from Kent and Surrey to local churches overseas to distribute to children in their communities.

Last year over 200 volunteers from churches in Tonbridge and beyond helped to check boxes but more volunteers are needed this year, including men who can be mobilised at short notice to load boxes on to lorries.

Boxes will begin being checked from Monday 14th November to Friday 3rd December. Just come along and training will be given. Come along as an individual, or as a family, or a home group, but if you come in groups of 6 or more, please ring below to book a slot.

Contact 07840 006316 or [sarahtonbridgeOCC@gmail.com](mailto:sarahtonbridgeOCC@gmail.com) or [Nick.Cole@samaritans-purse.org.uk](mailto:Nick.Cole@samaritans-purse.org.uk) for more information.

### West Kent Debt Advice

West Kent Debt Advice would like people to vote for them in order to raise much needed funds.

Aviva Community Fund have entered WKDA in their crowd funding competition which, if successful, will earn them a grant of £5,000 to £10,000. Success is solely dependent on the number of votes they can secure. Voting will close in mid-November and will cost you nothing, apart from a few minutes of your time.

Access to voting is via this link:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-2195>

The process is then quick and easy to follow. You will need to register and then log-in. The project title is West Kent Debt Advice. You have 10 votes all of which can be used for WKDA.

To find out more about what WKDA do just use this link <http://www.wkda.org.uk/>