

Next week's Services:

10am	Family service with baptism	Claire Carroll
5pm	Advent—the forerunner	Trevor Long
7pm	Celebration	Jon Carroll

Midweek Activities:

M	15:45 - 17:00 Deeper 19:00 - 20:00 Choir practice	T h	10:00 - 11:30 Matt's Monkeys
T	08:00 - 09:00 Prayer meeting	F	8:30 - 10:30 Breakfast Café
W	18:00 - 19:30 Ignite	S	
		S	16:00 Welcome afternoon tea

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NOTICES & NEWS

27th 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	Jesus is for life (Romans 5:12-21)	Chris Wicks
5pm	Advent Hope	Martin Franklin
7pm	Share	

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What's on at St. Matt's

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.

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.

Help needed!

Jon would like to have more people helping at **Matt's Monkeys** on a **Thursday morning (10am—11.30am)**. There are lots of different roles, from chatting to the people who come, serving drinks, organising craft activities, manning the door, reading stories. Can you spare some time to come and join this team?

Please see Jon if you are able to help or for more information.

Christmas at St. Matt's

This year we are attempting to create a contemporary stable scene for our Christmas services.

We could do with any corrugated plastic or corrugated iron panels. If you have any of these, please let Chris know or email Hannah in the office.

We also want to make the inside a prayer space and would like to collect newspaper articles relating to the refugee crisis, homelessness and people being displaced in general. If you have newspapers or magazines at home, or as you get them over the next few weeks, please could you cut out any relevant articles and give them to Hannah?

If you could let us have things as soon as possible, that would be great!

Thanks!

Christmas cards for Charity

There will be Christmas cards for sale at the back of church today.

All proceeds go to our link Diocese of Geita, Tanzania.

Cards are 60p each or 4 for £2.

Please come and have a look and support this work.

Christmas Pop Up Restaurant

Friday 9th December, 7pm onwards, in the church centre

Mark Smith, one of our young people, is planning on taking a 'True Adventure' to Costa Rica in 2017. He will be exploring the culture as well as doing projects like building schools, teaching English to local children and helping in orphanages.

In order to raise some of the £4000 needed to go, he will be providing a home cooked 3 course Christmas meal in return for a donation (£5 minimum).

To book your table, please email marksfundraising@gmail.com or call Debbie on 07557 788424 by 1st December.

A Musical Meditation for Advent

Friday 2nd December, 7.30pm

This mini-concert, organised by Eva Cohn of St James's Church in Tunbridge Wells, is in aid of Samara's Aid Appeal, who provide support and medical care for refugees from Syria and the Middle East.

The concert will be held at

St. Anselm's Church, Lower Greexn Road, Pembury, TN2 4DZ.

All are welcome.

Does anyone need a fridge?

Silver, tall, good working order. Jane Richardson has one which she is giving away for free, but it needs collecting from her house.

See Jane if you are interested.

Christmas Trees for sale

Saturday 10th December

Mark Gabriel is involved in selling Christmas trees outside St. John's Church, and these will be available to buy on 10th December, in the morning.

Some of the proceeds go to charity.

More details next week!