

### Next week's Services:

10am	Not just for Christmas! (Romans 6:1-14)	Bill MacDougall
5pm	Advent - patience	Chris Wicks
7pm	Meals	

### Midweek Activities:

<b>M</b>	15:45 - 17:00 Deeper 18:30 - 20:00 Choir practice	<b>T h</b>	10:00 - 11:30 Matt's Monkeys
<b>T</b>	08:00 - 09:00 Prayer meeting 12:30 Community Christmas Lunch	<b>F</b>	8:30 - 10:30 Breakfast Café 14:00 Retired's mince pies 19:00 Christmas Pop-Up Restaurant 19:30 Welcome Team Social
<b>W</b>	18:00 - 19:30 Ignite	<b>S</b>	

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## NOTICES & NEWS

**4th December 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	Claire Carroll
5pm	Advent - the forerunner	Trevor Long
7pm	Celebration	Jon Carroll

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

### 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.

### 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 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](mailto:marksfundraising@gmail.com) or call Debbie on 07557 788424 by 1st December.

### Choir for Carol Service

Choir practice this Monday, 6.30pm for children, 7pm for adults.

## #stmattsnativity

Throughout Advent we will be tweeting a verse each day with #stmattsnativity. These can be seen on the front page of the website, or you can follow us [@stmattschurch](https://twitter.com/stmattschurch).

The tweet below is being printed in Christmas cards to be delivered to all the houses in Barnett's Wood. Thanks Kim!



St.Matt's Church @stmattschurch · Nov 22

Son of God born into humble beginnings to remind us to show human compassion and goodwill to all mankind #stmattsnativity



## Christmas Trees for sale

Mark Gabriel will be selling real Christmas trees on

**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**9.00am – 12.30pm**

**ON ST JOHN'S CHURCH GREEN**

**4FT – 9FT TREES**

**All profits go to charity**

## Donations to Nourish Foodbank

Thank-you for all the donations you bring for Nourish every family service. Due to Dee being away in January, we will not be collecting donations at the January family service.

**The next donation day will be 5th February 2017.**

## 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.