

## Next week's Services:

10am	Family Christmas Celebration	Jon Carroll
5pm	NO SERVICE	
7pm	NO SERVICE	

## 1st January 2017 Services:

10am	Family Service	Izzie MacDougall
5pm	NO SERVICE	
7pm	NO SERVICE	

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## NOTICES & NEWS

**18th December, 25th December 2016  
and 1st January 2017**

### 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	Christmas Nativity	Children & Youth
5pm	NO SERVICE	
7pm	Carols by Candlelight	Chris Wicks

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# HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS...

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2016

### Refugee Children in South Sudan....ways you can give!

As usual, we will be giving the collections from our Christmas Services at St. Matt's to make a difference to the lives of children who have so little and are in great need of help. This year we will be giving to work being done to support **Refugee Children in South Sudan**.

Through our mission link Ruth Radley, who worked in South Sudan for 8 years, we are giving to her colleague Sam who is currently working with children in one of the refugee camps in Northern Uganda.

As well as the collections themselves, you can also give in the following ways:

**The giant St Matt's Christmas Card!** Instead of sending lots of cards to friends at St Matt's, how about signing the giant, joint card (available to start signing TODAY!) and give the money you would have spent on cards?

The front of the card will be unveiled on Christmas Day!

**The trusty 'Change' Jar** is coming out again because 'every little helps' and nothing is too small. The jar will be out at every service between now and Christmas for you to put your coins into!

## Gerald and Pat Hovenden

### (Team Rector based at Christ Church, Southborough)

You may be aware that Gerald & Pat are retiring at the end of January. The plan is to have a team celebration on the Saturday evening (28th January) at 6.30pm at Christ Church with a hog roast, entertainment etc.

Then on the Sunday morning (29<sup>th</sup> January) there will be a team service at Christ Church at 10am.

If you would like to contribute to Gerald & Pat's leaving gift, you can either give a suitably labelled envelope to Hannah in the office or you can make an online donation with reference to 'retirement' to Christ Church Southborough Account no 01207132 Sort code 30-98-77.

We do need to know numbers for catering so could you please let the Christ Church office know if you are coming to these events either by email [ccsouthborough@gmail.com](mailto:ccsouthborough@gmail.com) or leave a message on the answerphone 01892 513680. Thank-you.

# ...AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## The Stable - Prayer Space

Our stable is now all set up and has newspaper articles and visual aids in it to guide our prayers.

If anyone would like to come and use the stable as a prayer space during this week running up to Christmas, then the church will be open during office hours (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 3pm, except Wednesday afternoon).

Please feel free to come and find some space with God.

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January.

If you need to contact a member of the clergy in an emergency during this time, please call Stephen Hills (Team Vicar) on 01892 528081.

<b>M</b> 19th		<b>M</b> 26th	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Tu</b> 20th	08:00 - 09:00 Prayer meeting  14:00 School Christmas Service 19:00 School Christmas Service	<b>Tu</b> 27th	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>W</b> 21st		<b>W</b> 28th	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Th</b> 22nd		<b>Th</b> 29th	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>F</b> 23rd		<b>F</b> 30th	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Sa</b> 24th	16:00 Christingle Service  23:15 Midnight Communion	<b>Sa</b> 31st	
<b>Su</b> 25th	10:00 Family Christmas Celebration	<b>Su</b> 1st	10:00 New Year Family Service