#### **Next week's Services:**

10am	Fifth Sunday - Team focus	Jon & Claire
5pm	The first sign	Chris Wicks
7pm	NO SERVICE	

#### **Midweek Activities:**

M	15:45 - 17:00 Deeper	T h	10:00 - 11:30 Matt's Monkeys 19:30 Worship evening session
Т	08:00 - 09:00 Prayer meeting	F	8:30 - 10:30 Breakfast Café
W	18:00 - 19:30 Ignite	S	

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# **NOTICES & NEWS**

**22nd 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	The two laws - Romans 8:1-4	Bill MacDougall
5pm	Beginnings	Chris Wicks
7pm	7 o'clock service	

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# What's on at St. Matt's

# Fifth Sunday - Team focus

Sunday 29th January 2017

Next Sunday is a fifth Sunday, so things will be a bit different in our 10am service, as usual!

This time we will be focussing on teams and different ways of serving in church.

There will be time to explore all the different areas of ministry that happen in our church, as well as some great worship and something nice to eat!

### **Worship Evening Sessions**

Thursday 26th January 2017 7.30pm

On the 4th Thursday of every month, the worship team meet together. For those who've not been before, the evening session is an informal gathering of the worship team. It's a great opportunity to get together, get to know new songs and hone our skills.

For more information about joining the worship team, please speak to Ali Granger or come and find the worship table next Sunday morning!

#### Revive events coming up!

Our next Revive women's event is our **film night**, on **Friday 24th February**, at 7.45pm at church. Watch this space for the film title!

Booking forms and information are now out for our **Quiet Day**. This is on **Saturday 18th March, 10am - 3pm, at Ashurst Village Hall.** Alice Bates is coming to lead the day for us. Please book early and invite other women to come and join us for this day.

### Church Weekend - save the date Saturday 29th April - Sunday 30th April 2017

Our annual church weekend is the last weekend of April this year!
Publicity will be out soon, but please put the date in your diary and be
prepared for a weekend of worship, teaching, fellowship and even more fun
activities!!

#### **Love Your Neighbour**

# Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 1.30pm - 3pm The front steps of the Town Hall in Tunbridge Wells

This event is organised by Churches for Tunbridge Wells (CfTW), Tonbridge & Area Churches Together and the Muslim Community of Tunbridge Wells & surrounding area.

The aim of this event is to build community cohesion by inviting people of many different nationalities, ethnic groups and faiths to come together at the Town Hall, each with a sign in their own language that says 'Love Your Neighbour.'

Everyone is invited to write the words 'Love your neighbour' on a piece of cardboard or placard (A4 or A3 size) in their own language. After a photo opportunity, and a few words, people will be invited to exchange signs and get to know others who are different to them. Ideas will also be shared about how we can grow in actively and proactively loving our neighbours.

Why - Over many generations people have made the UK their home, built it up and found they can belong here. But we cannot take our diversity for granted. It is no use sharing a street with people from different backgrounds if we do not know them. Loneliness is at epidemic levels, prejudice threatens to pull communities apart.

We cannot love our neighbour if we do not know our neighbour, understand them, their culture and identity. We all need to build friendships that cement our society together, crossing differences that can become barriers such as age, social background, ethnicity, sexuality, gender and faith - working for peace alongside all people of goodwill.

We must meet hate with love, confusion with hope, anger with peace and fear with joy. So go... know your neighbour... love your neighbour.

## **Nourish Foodbank donations**

**Sunday 5th February** 

Our next donation day for Nourish is coming up in a few weeks.

They currently need:

Tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti, tinned tomatoes, pulses, sugar, coffee, squash, toilet roll, dog food, cat food