

Next week's Services:

10am	The believer's battle Romans 6:15 - 7:25	Suzanne Owen
5pm	The Lamb of God	Trevor Long
7pm	7 o'clock service	

Midweek Activities:

M	15:45 - 17:00 Deeper 20:00 - 22:00 Leadership Team	Th	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	

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NOTICES & NEWS

8th 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	Epiphany - with baptism	Chris Wicks
5pm	Epiphany	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	Soaking evening	

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What's on at St. Matt's

All our youth and children's groups start up again this week.

Deeper (for school years 3-5) Mondays 3.45pm - 5pm

Ignite (for school years 6-10) Wednesdays 6pm - 7.30pm

Matt's Monkeys (Parent and toddler group for all pre-schoolers)

Thursdays 10am - 11.30am

All these groups meet in church.

Mission Prayer Breakfast

Once a month, on the **3rd Sunday of the month**, there is a prayer breakfast in the church centre to pray for our mission partners.

Running from **8-9am** we have a simple breakfast together and share news of – and pray for – our Mission links.

Everyone is welcome. Contact Mary Wilson (marywilson@icloud.com) for more details or just come along to the next one.

The dates for the next few are:

15th Jan

19th Feb

19th Mar

23rd April

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.

Hungry

3rd Tuesday of the month

7.45pm - 9.30pm

Join us for an evening of seeking God in worship and prayer.

The next Hungry is on **17th January** in church, and all are welcome.

There will be art materials available for creative worship.

Revive Women's Breakfast

Saturday 21st January 2017

8.30am - 10.30am

Our next Revive is coming soon! We meet at 8.30am for coffee and croissants, followed by worship, teaching and ministry.

On Saturday 21st Jan, we have Julie Thomas speaking on How to share your faith without being weird!

All women are welcome to come and spend time with God .

Bill Fearn would like to thank everyone who has helped and visited him over the last year. He is very grateful to you all and misses getting along to St. Matt's.

Thanks to you all for your generous support for our Christmas offering, to help **Refugee Children in South Sudan.** We raised £2,123.59 including gift aid. This will make a huge difference to children living in refugee camps in Northern Uganda, so thank-you.

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 (29th 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 or leave a message on the answerphone 01892 513680. Thank-you.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Rev. Caroline Glass (Tunbridge Wells Branch Secretary) is organising the Ecumenical Women's World day of Prayer for Tunbridge Wells churches this year, which always occurs on the first Friday of March . She would like to reinstate a committee to help organise this event. In the past each church seems to have had a WWDP rep but this no longer seems to be the case.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 3pm at St Luke's Church Hall Lounge, for anyone interested in helping to organise this event. Also, if anyone is willing to be our church WWDP rep for 2017 onwards, please let Caroline know on caroline.glass957@btinternet.com.