

## Weekly Events

(These events happen in term time only-they will all resume from 18th April)

<b>Mondays</b>	3.30pm - 5pm	<b>Deeper</b> for children in school yrs 3 - 5
<b>Tuesdays</b>	7pm - 9.30pm	<b>Youth House Group</b> for school yrs 11 - 13
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6pm - 7.30pm	<b>Ignite</b> for young people in school yrs 6 - 10
<b>Thursdays</b>	10am - 11.30am	<b>Matt's Monkeys</b> toddler group
<b>Fridays</b>	8.30am - 10.30am	<b>Breakfast Cafe</b>

## Easter cards for sale

On Sunday 9th April, there will be Easter chicks (with chocolate egg) and greetings cards for sale at the back of church.

Chicks £1, cards 60p each or 4 for £2.

All proceeds will go to Mark Smith's Costa Rica Adventure.

## Friday Breakfast Café

Friday Breakfast Café is looking for more volunteers! If you could spare some time on a Friday morning, please speak to David Johnson.

## Quiz night fundraiser

Hannah Lavender is fundraising for a school trip to join the Diocese in Tanzania to build a C of E school in the northern region. She's running a quiz night on Friday 7th April, 7.30pm at St. Paul's Church Crofton. All welcome (£5 entry, £15 family). She'll also be at the church weekend away if you would like to donate.

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# APRIL 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.**

**During our 10am service (except our Family Service on the  
1st Sunday of the month) we have groups for babies,  
children and teenagers - please see inside for more  
information or ask a member of the Welcome Team.**

**If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourself  
to us - we would love to get to know you.**

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## Sunday Services

Our Sunday Services are held at 10am and 5pm. On the first Sunday of the month there is also a Book of Common Prayer communion service at 8am.

**10am:** informal and friendly with children's groups. The place for all the family. Great coffee is served throughout.

**5pm:** traditional and welcoming, tea and cake is served from 4.30pm

### Sunday 2nd April

8am	Book of Common Prayer communion service	
10am	Who am I?	Carole Wicks
5pm	Can these bones live?	Trevor Long

### Sunday 9th April **PALM SUNDAY**

10am	The taking of Christ	Chris Wicks
5pm	Who is this?	Suzanne Owen

### Wednesday 12th April

7pm - 9pm	Opening of Easter Art Exhibition in church centre	
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### Thursday 13th April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

8pm	Tenebrae communion service	
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### Friday 14th April **GOOD FRIDAY**

10am	Good Friday family service	Tom Tyler
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### Sunday 16th April **EASTER SUNDAY**

10am	Easter family communion	Jon Carroll
5pm	Christ has risen	Chris Wicks

### Sunday 23rd April

10am	Gone fishing!	Karen Hickson-Smith
5pm	Honest questions?	Elizabeth Haughan

### Church weekend - Daring to Love, with Nicola Neal

**Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April**

**Please note there will be no services at St. Matt's on Sunday 30th April.**

Do join us for this weekend of worship, teaching, fun and time together. Booking forms are at the back of church - please get these back to Hannah before Easter if at all possible. Thanks!

## Children & Youth on Sundays

The 1st Sunday of the month is family service, with everyone in church.

On all other Sundays, children & young people can go to these groups:

<b>Shine</b>	in the church centre	ages 0 - 2
<b>Glow</b>	in the church hall, leave by church centre door	age 3 - year 1
<b>Bright</b>	in the Bethel hall, leave by main church door	year 2 - 5
<b>Encounter</b>	in Jon & Claire's flat, leave through office door	year 6 - 13

## Seven

Seven is a gathering of believers, creating space to focus on Jesus and worship him. No formula. Just authentic relationship.

We meet on a Sunday evening, from 7pm - 8pm in church, and then go onto The Brick Works afterwards for a drink.

Everyone is welcome.

<b>2nd April</b>	Living a life of forgiveness & transformation	Chris Wicks
<b>9th April</b>	Living & trusting in the power of God	Rich Thomas
<b>16th April</b>	<b>no meeting</b> - Easter Sunday	
<b>23rd April</b>	Living your mission	Catherine Root
<b>30th April</b>	<b>no meeting</b> - church weekend at Rose Hill	

## Prayer & Worship Gatherings

<b>Tuesday mornings</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Prayer meeting in church</b> (every week) All are welcome to pray for the week ahead
<b>Tuesday 18th April</b> 7.45pm - 9.30pm	<b>Hungry</b> (once a month) An evening of seeking God in worship & prayer
<b>Thursday 27th April</b> 7.30pm - 9.30pm	<b>Worship Evening Session</b> (once a month) An informal gathering of the worship team. A great opportunity to get together, get to know new songs and hone our skills.

## The Noise

The Noise is three days of spreading God's love through our actions. This year it is in Sherwood, on 5-7th April for all those in school years 7-13. Find sign up sheets at the back of church and see Claire for more info.