

## 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 Tues 30th May will be a prayer breakfast as part of Thy Kingdom Come.
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b> 7.45pm - 9.30pm	<b>Hungry</b> (once a month) An evening of seeking God in worship & prayer Focus on children's and youth work this month
<b>Sunday 21st May</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Mission Prayer Breakfast</b> (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links

The **Worship Evening Session** this month has been cancelled due to there being an Ascension Day service as part of Thy Kingdom Come.

## Weekly Events

These events happen in term time only-they will all stop over May half-term

<b>Mondays</b>	3.30pm - 5pm	<b>Deeper</b> for children in school years 3 - 5
<b>Tuesdays</b>	7pm - 9.30pm	<b>Youth House Group</b> for school years 11 - 13
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6pm - 7.30pm	<b>Ignite</b> for young people in school years 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>

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If you would like to place a notice in this notice sheet, please email the office

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# st matt's

*igniting passion for Jesus*

## 21st May 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. Great coffee is served!

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

### Sunday 7th May

8am	Book of Common Prayer communion service	
10am	Family service	Jon Carroll
5pm	God's new community	Trevor Long

### Sunday 14th May

10am	Pray	Bill MacDougall
5pm	Facing opposition	Julian Brierley

### Sunday 21st May

10am	Annual Church Meeting	Chris Wicks
5pm	Engaging culture	Elizabeth Haughan

### Sunday 28th May

10am	Mission focus	Pat Blanchard
5pm	Restoring the Kingdom?	Pat Blanchard

## 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>7th May</b>	Belief vs doubt	Catherine Root
<b>14th May</b>	Living by God's word	Suzanne Owen
<b>21st May</b>	No time for favourites	Rob Wilson
<b>28th May</b>	joint service with 5pm	Pat Blanchard

## 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 - yr 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

## Notices

### Thy Kingdom Come

**Thursday 25th May - Sunday 4th June**

This is a prayer initiative from the Archbishop of Canterbury being run between Ascension and Pentecost.

We as a church will be getting on board with this, so look out for details of services and opportunities to pray.

Some activities already planned are:

Thursday 25th May	Ascension Day service, 8pm in church
Tuesday 20th May	Prayer breakfast, 8am in the church centre
Tuesday 20th May	Hungry, 8pm in church

### General Election

**Do have a read of the Archbishops' letter on our FB page.**

There will also be a hustings arranged by Churches for Tunbridge Wells at 7.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at St James Church. Please come with the questions you would like to put to the local candidates.

It would be helpful to have some questions in advance – please send suggestions to Jim Stewart [jpstewart4@gmail.com](mailto:jpstewart4@gmail.com)

### Personal Assistants for Hannah Fuller

As some of you may know, in early August, Hannah Fuller will be moving nearer to St Matt's. Her care support is changing. She requires a number of support hours throughout the week at regular but 'scattered' times. She also needs sleeping-night support.

She has direct payments to cover these hours. She has asked me to advertise for Personal Assistants from her church family in the first instance. Anyone applying would be put on the payroll system or can be self employed. Also Social Services would need to run a DBS clearance.

If anyone is interested in applying for any hours, be it only a few, please speak to Gill Fuller.

### Room to rent

A Christian lady in her 50s from St. John's Church is looking for a room to rent or studio flat / house share, at a maximum cost of £550 per month including bills. If you are able to help, please let Hannah know in the office, or speak to Kate Whitehead.