

Prayer & Worship Gatherings

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| Tuesday mornings 8am - 9am | Prayer meeting in church (every week) All are welcome to pray for the week ahead |
| Sunday 15th Oct 8am - 9am | Mission Prayer Breakfast (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links |
| Tuesday 17th Oct 7.45pm - 9.30pm | Hungry (once a month) An evening of seeking God's presence through prayer and worship, with art material available |
| Thursday 26th Oct 7.30pm - 9.30pm | Worship Evening Sessions (once a month) This informal gathering of the worship team is a great opportunity to get together, get to know new songs and hone our skills |

Weekly Events

All our midweek groups and activities run during term-time.

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| Mondays | 3.30pm - 5pm | Deeper for children in school years 3 - 5 |
| Tuesdays | 7pm - 9.30pm | Youth House Group for school years 11 - 13 |
| Wednesdays | 6pm - 7.30pm | Ignite for school years 6 - 10 |
| Thursdays | 10am - 11.30am | Matt's Monkeys toddler group for pre-school children and their parents / carers |
| Fridays | 8.30am - 10.30am | Breakfast Café |

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

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igniting passion for Jesus

1st October 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 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.

We also have a more traditional service at 5pm and a gathering with more space to worship at 7pm.

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, 5pm and 7pm.

On the first Sunday of the month there is also a Book of Common Prayer communion service at 8am.

10am: informal and friendly, with groups for the children, except for the 1st Sunday of the month which is our family service. Great coffee is served!

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

Seven: space to focus on Jesus and worship Him. No formula, just authentic relationship. 7-8pm in church, and then drinks at The Brick Works afterwards.

Our sermon series for our 10am services this term is **Encounters with Jesus**.

Sunday 1st October

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| 8am | Book of Common Prayer communion service | |
| 10am | Harvest Family Service | Tom Tyler |
| 5pm | Passing the test? | Trevor Long |
| 7pm | A giving heart | Jennie Worthely |

Sunday 8th October

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| 10am | The healing at Bethesda | Suzanne Owen |
| 5pm | Thou shalt not... | Julian Brierley |
| 7pm | Soaking and communion | |

Sunday 15th October

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| 10am | The woman caught in adultery | Chris Wicks |
| 5pm | What are we really worshipping? | Martin Franklin |
| 7pm | A prayerful life | |

Children & Youth on Sundays

During term time, we run groups for all children, 0-18 years old, except for the 1st Sunday of the month when we have our family service.

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| Shine | 0-2 year olds | they meet in the church centre |
| Glow | 3 year olds to school year 1 | leave by the church centre door |
| Bright | school years 2 to 5 | leave by the main church door |
| Encounter | school years 6-13 | leave by the office door |

Thank-you!

Chris and Carole would like to say a big thank-you for the lovely gifts and cards they were given to celebrate their 25 years at St. Matt's. Thank-you to everyone for making the afternoon tea such a special and joyful occasion.

Rosemary says a very big thank-you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Together, with very generous donations, we raised £1258—the best ever!!

Events and notices

Connect Mentoring Quiz evening Saturday 14th Oct 7.30pm - 10pm

Raising funds for the Connect Mentoring project (run in secondary schools by Life & Soul and TWYFC), this quiz evening will be held at Skinners Kent Academy, £5 a ticket. You can come as a team of 8, or you can be put in a team on the night. Soft drinks and nibbles provided, and a cake auction! To book tickets, **either** email Mary at maryw_connect@lifeandsoul.org.uk **or** go to www.jumblebee.co.uk/quizevening

School Forms - if you will need Chris to sign a secondary school application form, please book a time with the office to see him sooner rather than later!

The Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter will be opening again for its seventh year on 2nd January 2018. Running for nine weeks, we have 12 beds for men and women who would otherwise be sleeping rough. Would you like to join our volunteer team? Email office.twcws@gmail.com for more details. We look forward to hearing from you!

Items being given / wanted

Chris and Carole have a multi-gym to give away, free to a good home, but it needs to be collected.

Board games wanted for Ignite and Deeper—if you have any at home which you don't use any more, could you let Lois or Tom know please.

Toy car garage wanted for toddler group - anyone have one not being used?