

Prayer & Worship Gatherings

Tuesday mornings 8am - 9am	Prayer meeting in church (every week) All are welcome to pray for the week ahead
Sunday 17th Sept 8am - 9am	Mission Prayer Breakfast (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links
Tuesday 19th Sept 7.45pm - 9.30pm	Hungry (once a month) An evening of seeking God's presence through prayer and worship, with art material available
Thursday 28th Sept 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.

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

24th September 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.

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 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 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

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

Sunday 24th September

10am	The Samaritan Woman	Izzie MacDougall
5pm	Provision	Mark Gabriel

Sunday 1st October

8am	Book of Common Prayer communion service	
10am	Harvest Family Service	Tom Tyler
5pm	Passing the test?	Trevor Long

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.

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

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.

24th Sept	Love your enemies	Chris Wicks
1st Oct	A giving heart	Jennie Worthely

Events and notices

Macmillan Coffee Morning **Tuesday 26th September 10.30am - 1pm**

Please come and help raise money for this fantastic cause. There will be refreshments to buy and various stalls in church.

Revive Women's Breakfast **Saturday 30th Sept 8.30am - 10.30am**

Jennifer Rees Larcombe will be speaking at our next women's breakfast, on Fear and Faith. Join us for coffee and croissants from 8.30am, followed by worship, teaching and ministry. This is a time for all women to meet, enabling us to spend time with God and draw closer to Him, without any of the distractions of church.

The new Revive flyers for this year are available at the back of church.

Harvest Family Service **Sunday 1st October 10am**

We will be taking monetary collections in each service for Tearfund.

We will also be collecting food items for Nourish Foodbank as usual at our family service. Last year we collected nearly 600kg for them, so thank-you!

They currently need:

tinned fish	tinned spaghetti	tinned fruit	toilet rolls
pulses	sugar	coffee	squash
powdered/UHT milk		cereal	dog & cat food

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!