

### Room needed to rent

Christian lady is searching urgently for a room, with use of facilities, to rent in Southborough.

She needs to move as soon as possible.

Please phone Sonia: Mobile: 07810533640.

### Prayer & Worship Gatherings

**Tuesday mornings**      **Prayer meeting in church** (every week)  
8am - 9am                      All are welcome to pray for the week ahead

**There will be no Hungry or Worship Evening Session in December.**

### Weekly Events

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

<b>Mondays</b>	3.30pm - 5pm	<b>Deeper</b> ( <i>Last group on 4th Dec</i> ) for children in school years 3 - 5
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6pm - 7.30pm	<b>Ignite</b> ( <i>Last group on 13th Dec</i> ) for school years 6 - 10
<b>Thursdays</b>	10am - 11.30am ( <i>last group on 14th Dec</i> )	<b>Matt's Monkeys toddler group</b> for pre-school children and their parents / carers
<b>Fridays</b>	8.30am - 10.30am	<b>Breakfast Café</b> (last one on 15/12)
<b>Sundays</b>	5pm - 6.30pm	<b>Youth House Group</b> for school years 10 - 13

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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*

## 17th December 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.**

**There is no 5pm service today as we have our Carols by Candlelight service at 7pm tonight.**

**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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## Services in December

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.

### Sunday 10th December

10am	Advent - Hope	Chris Wicks
5pm	The forerunner	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	God's plan - Mary	Catherine Root

### Sunday 17th December

10am	Advent - Peace	Bill MacDougall
7pm	<b>Carols by candlelight</b>	Chris Wicks

### Sunday 24th December

10am (family service)	<b>Nativity</b> (Advent - Joy)	Tom Tyler + youth
4pm	<b>Christingle service</b>	Lois Fryett
11.15pm	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	Suzanne Owen

### Christmas Day

10am (family service)	<b>Christmas Celebration</b>	Carole Wicks
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### Sunday 31st December

10am (family service)	New Year	Mike Harrowing
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## Children & Youth on Sundays

This is our last Sunday of children's groups until the new year.

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

## TERAPIAS PARA SHALOM!

### St. Matt's Christmas Offering 2017

Sharing Love, Peace, Hope, Joy with the Shalom Centre in Lima, Peru

We are excited to be raising money for 'Therapy Sessions' for the disabled children at the Shalom Centre in the shanty town area of Lima, Peru (run by our CMS Link Mission partner Pat Blanchard).

Please see the flyers for more detailed information. We are hoping that as many of us at St. Matt's as possible can make a contribution, however small! Starting from Advent, we have our very own 'ballometer' to collect money for therapy sessions, and there are 600 balls ready to be bought!

**£5 per ball = TWO therapy sessions**

### HOW ARE WE GOING TO BE RAISING MONEY?

You can either buy 'balls' during Advent with money you have saved or raised or wait until Christmas and give it all in one go.

- Christmas 'treats' can be sold after our Morning Services in Advent
- Give the money you would spend on cards to church family and sign the joint St. Matt's Christmas card (available to sign in church now)! We'll be having a colouring competition for the cover of the Card!
- The 'Change' Jar will also be available for any coins going spare
- The offerings at our Christmas Services will be going to our appeal

*(Please can you make sure that you use the specific 'Gift Aid' envelopes to enhance the amount you give!)*

For any further information, do contact Mary Wilson (01892 545623 [marywilson@icloud.com](mailto:marywilson@icloud.com)) or the Church Office

### SUPPORTING 'CONNECT MENTORING' through the Coop

If you shop at the Coop, we would be so grateful if you could choose us as your 'local cause' this coming year (now until 27th October 2018!). Connect Mentoring (a project jointly run by Life & Soul & TWYFC) currently has 14 trained mentors (4 of whom are from St. Matt's) meeting with students in local Secondary Schools.

You need to be a Coop member to take part, which costs £1 and can be done on line and it's then easy to click to support us! *More details on the Mission noticeboard or from Mary Wilson (details above).* **THANK YOU!**