

Weekly Events

All our midweek groups and activities have stopped for the Christmas holidays. Start dates below...

Mondays	3.30pm - 5pm	Deeper for children in school years 3 - 5 <i>Restarting on Mon 8th Jan</i>
Wednesdays	6pm - 7.30pm	Ignite for school years 6 - 10 <i>Restarting on Wed 10th Jan</i>
Thursdays	10am - 11.30am	Matt's Monkeys toddler group for pre-school children and their parents / carers <i>Restarting on Thurs 11th Jan</i>
Fridays	8.30am - 10.30am	Breakfast Café <i>Restarting on Fri 5th Jan</i>

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

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**24th & 31st
December 2017**



**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!!**

**Welcome to you if you are visiting us today.
We hope you enjoy being with us.**

**Our services are informal and family friendly.
Help yourself to tea and coffee from the back of church
whenever you like.**

**If you would like to know more about our usual services
and activities, please pick up one of our welcome flyers
from the table by the door, or speak to one of our welcome
team.**

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Services over Christmas and New Year

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 24th December - Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

10am (family service)	Christmas Celebration	Carole Wicks
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Sunday 31st December

10am (family service)	New Year	Mike Harrowing
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Sunday 7th January

10am (family service)	The Wise Men	tbc
5pm	Get Wise	Trevor Long
7pm	Get Wise	tbc

Children & Youth on Sundays

Our children's and youth groups will restart on the 2nd Sunday in January.

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

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) 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!**