## **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 Glow Bright school years 2 to 5 **Encounter** school years 6-13

they meet in the church centre 3 year olds to school year 1 leave by the church centre door leave by the main church door leave by the office door

# **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.

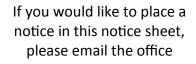
Mondays	3.30pm - 5pm	Deeper (Last group on 4th Dec)
Wednesdays	6pm - 7.30pm	for children in school years 3 - 5 Ignite (Last group on 13th Dec)
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Thursdays	10am - 11.30am	Matt's Monkeys toddler group
	(last group on 14th	for pre-school children and their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

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# **3rd 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.

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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# 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 3rd December

8am	Book of Common Prayer communion service		
10am (family service)	Advent Sunday - Love	Lois Fryett	
5pm	Advent Sunday	Bill MacDougall	
7pm	God's plan - John	Katy Johnson	

#### 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	Carols by candlelight	Chris Wicks

#### Sunday 24th December

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

#### **Christmas Day**

10am (family service) Christmas Celebration

#### Sunday 31st December

10am (family service) New Year

Mike Harrowing

Carole Wicks

### **Christmas flyers**

Our Christmas flyers are here, with all the information about our Christmas services on. Thank-you to Nick Cheesman for designing them for us! We have hundreds (literally!) so please do take them to give to friends, family, neighbours, etc.

They will also go in the book bags of every child at St. Matt's school and we will get the info on our Facebook page as well to share.

# 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 <u>maryiwilson@icloud.com</u> or the Church Office