

## Prayer & Worship Gatherings

<b>Tuesday mornings</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Prayer meeting in church</b> (every week) All are welcome to pray for the week ahead
<b>Sunday 18th Feb</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Mission Prayer Breakfast</b> (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links
<b>Tuesday 20th Feb</b> 7.45pm - 9.30pm	<b>Hungry</b> (once a month) An evening of seeking God's presence through prayer and worship, with art material available
<b>Thursday 22nd Feb</b> 7.30pm - 9.30pm	<b>Worship Evening Sessions</b> (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, so will be stopping this week for half term.

<b>Mondays</b>	3.30pm - 5pm	<b>Deeper</b> for children in school years 3 - 5
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6pm - 7.30pm	<b>Ignite</b> for school years 6 - 10
<b>Thursdays</b>	10am - 11.30am	<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>

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

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## 11th February 2018

## 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.

### Sunday 11th February

10am	Living boldly	Chris Wicks
5pm	Bridging the gap	Bill MacDougall
7pm	Bridging the gap	Bill MacDougall

### Wednesday 14th February - ASH WEDNESDAY

8pm	Prayer and fasting?	Chris Wicks
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### Sunday 18th February

10am	The Central Event?	Hannah Mwesigwa
5pm	Sticking to it!	Julian Brierley
7pm	Sticking to it!	Julian Brierley

## 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.

<b>Shine</b>	0-2 year olds	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

Children will be brought back into church at the end of the service, and in time for communion on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Thank you to everyone for all the love, care and support you have given us over my dad's illness and now loss, also with Chris being ill at the same time. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, meals and cakes. They have been really appreciated. Carole's dad's (Rex) funeral will be on the 21st February at 11am at St. James Church, New Barnet - this was his church.

Thank you - Carole and Chris, Dan and Charis

### Pancake fundraiser - Tuesday 13th February, 5.30pm - 7pm

On Shrove Tuesday we're going to be hosting a pancake fundraiser! We'll be raising money for the youth work at St Matt's (we would love to be able to subsidise the weekend away and Soul Survivor).

So come and enjoy some delicious pancake-y goodness without getting your kitchen messy!

Pancakes from 50p each - everyone welcome - see you there!

### Early morning 'Reading & Prayer' in Lent

During Lent, we'll be meeting in the Church Centre on alternate Thursdays for a reading and then prayer, 8.30am - 9.00am.

**15th February 1st March 15th March 29th March**

We will keep to very prompt timings so that people can get straight on to the rest of their day but think it'll be great to grab time together with God!

Do just turn up, or for more details contact Mary Wilson

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### Tearfund 'Hunger Lunch' and speaker

Lent starts this week, and we will be having a visiting speaker from Tearfund and holding a 'hunger lunch' (bread and soup) on **Sunday 18th March**.

The idea is you donate what you save on cooking your lunch that day to Tearfund. We are so very blessed with food and comfort here, it's good to be reminded of the basic unmet needs of so many millions worldwide, who Tearfund aim to help.

We are also hoping you might think of some other ways to raise money during Lent - maybe giving up the odd cappuccino or glass of wine or bar of chocolate, and donating what you save to Tearfund. If we all gave the 'saved' say £2.50 per week, we could possibly raise about £1500 over the course of Lent .....small amounts mount up so fast and can make a massive impact!

**Please put the date in your diary & sign up at the back of church for the lunch.**