

## 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 Nov</b> 8am - 9am	<b>Mission Prayer Breakfast</b> (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links
<b>Thursdays</b> 7.30pm - 9.30pm (once a month)	<b>Worship Evening Sessions</b> There will be no Worship Evening Session in November or December, but these will restart in January.

THERE WILL BE NO **HUNGRY** (our prayer and worship evenings) in the autumn term because we will be running Alpha on Tuesday evenings.

## Weekly Events

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

<b>Mondays</b>	3.20pm - 5pm	<b>Deeper</b> for children in school years 3 - 6
<b>Tuesdays</b>	5pm - 6pm	<b>Equip</b> (younger youth)
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6pm - 7.30pm	<b>Ignite</b> for school years 7 - 13
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8pm - 9.30pm	<b>Equip</b> (older youth)
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.30am - 11.15am	<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> Open to everyone!

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

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## 25th November 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 one of the Welcome Team- 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 25th November

10am (communion)	Hearing God's voice	Chris Wicks
5pm	The writings on the wall	Matt Taylor
7pm	The writings on the wall	Matt Taylor

### Sunday 2nd December

10am	Advent family service	Lois Fryett
5pm	Advent hope	Trevor Long
7pm	Advent hope	tbc

### Sunday 9th December

10am	Giving it away?	Karen Hickson-Smith
5pm	The forerunner	Chris Wicks
7pm	The forerunner	Chris Wicks

## 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 2	leave by the church centre door
<b>Bright</b>	school years 3 to 5	leave by the main church door
<b>Encounter</b>	school years 6-9	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.

**Working party Saturday 1st December 9am to do gardening - all welcome!**

## Revive Christmas Craft Event Friday 7th December, 7.45pm-10pm

Tickets are now on sale for our annual women's craft evening. Ladies, come and try your hand at making some Christmas presents & decorations, along with a glass of mulled wine and Christmas nibbles. £10 per person - which includes refreshments and anything you make (age limit is 14 and over). Tickets are available from the church office.

**If you are able to make mince pies or other Christmassy nibbles for the night, or if you have a slow cooker we can borrow, please tell Hannah or Carole. Thanks!**

## Nourish '12 days of Christmas' campaign

As you may know, Nourish Foodbank have their busiest week of the year over Christmas, and have run a reverse advent calendar in previous years. This year they have made it a bit simpler, and are asking people to put an essential food item in a bag every day during the first 12 days of December.

This means they then have the donations in plenty of time for Christmas.

You can take your donations to their pop up shop in Ely Court between 13th - 16th December, or you can **bring your donations to church by Sunday 16th December**, and we will take it all down on the Monday.

Please see the inserted list of items - they don't need pasta, soup or beans!! Alternatively, you can donate money - £3 will buy a food bag meal over the Christmas period, and last year they provided over 4,900 meals.

You can text **FOOD35 £3** to 70070 to donate a meal.

## Winter shelter in Colebrook Road Hostel

A while back we had a talk from someone about the winter shelter being held in Colebrook Road Hostel in December.

The main ways in which we can be involved in that is to provide gifts for the residents and donate money to the general running of the shelter.

We will have a box at the back of church over the next few weeks for small wrapped gifts, which will then be given to those using the shelter and hostel over the Christmas period. Ideas for gifts are nice toiletries, joke / puzzle books, diaries, small games, gloves, hats, scarves, mugs, books.

If you would like to donate money to the winter shelter, please use the following details:

CTTW Winter Shelter. Sort code 40-52-40. Account no. 00023965