

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	in the church centre
Glow	3 year olds to school year 2	leave by the church centre door
Bright	school years 3 to 5	leave by the main church door
Encounter	school years 6-9	leave by the office door

Prayer & Worship Gatherings

Tuesday mornings 8am - 9am	Prayer meeting in church (every week) All are welcome to pray for the week ahead
Sunday 16th Dec 8am - 9am	Mission Prayer Breakfast (once a month) A chance to hear about and pray for our mission links

Weekly Events

All our midweek groups and activities have finished now for Christmas.

Mondays	3.20pm - 5pm	Deeper for children in school years 3 - 6
Wednesdays	6pm - 7.30pm	Ignite for school years 7 - 13
Wednesdays	8pm - 9.30pm	Equip (older youth)
Thursdays	9.30am - 11.15am	Matt's Monkeys toddler group for pre-school children and their parents / carers
Fridays	8.30am - 10.30am	Breakfast Café 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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16th December 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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Christmas Services

Over Christmas, we have extra services, and some normal services are cancelled, so do have a look to see what's happening.

There's something for everyone!

Sunday 16th December

10am (communion)	Connecting with culture	Chris Wicks
5pm (communion)	Turn about	Dedo Rampe
7pm	Turn about	Dedo Rampe

Sunday 23rd December

10am	Family nativity service
5pm	NO SERVICE
7pm	Carols by candlelight

Christmas Eve

4pm	Christingle service
11.15pm	Midnight communion

Christmas Day

10am	Family Christmas Celebration
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Sunday 30th December

10am	Family service	Izzie MacDougall
5pm	NO SERVICE	
7pm	NO SERVICE	

Normally, 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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2018

The Sozo Foundation, Cape Town - training coffee baristas!

We are delighted to be raising money for the training of Coffee Baristas at the Sozo Foundation set in the deprived Vrygrond township of Cape Town, (run by our Link Mission partner Steve Morris.)

The Sozo Youth Café provides a safe, creative and vibrant space for unemployed young people to be equipped, trained and mentored so that they can reach their full potential.

There are several ways you can get involved with this:

You can give in the offerings at any of the Christmas services (23rd, 24th, 25th Dec)

You can put your change into the change jar

You can give the money you would spend on Christmas cards to church family and just sign the big St. Matt's card instead

If you are giving and can gift aid your donation, please use the envelopes with Sozo printed on them, so we know what it's for.

Christmas cards for sale

Handmade Christmas cards will be on sale on 9th and 16th December at the back of church. All proceeds to our church link with Geita, Tanzania.

Nativity service

Our nativity service is next Sunday morning.

This year we will be doing a 'scratch nativity', which means it will all just happen on the day! If your child would like to be part of the nativity story, please bring them in a costume if possible. We will have some costumes available on the day, but not enough for everyone.

It doesn't matter how many of each character we have, so come as you like!

Winter shelter in Colebrook Road Hostel

Today is the last chance to bring in gifts for the winter shelter residents. There is a box at the back of church 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, the details are: CTTW Winter Shelter. Sort code 40-52-40. Account no. 00023965