

Weekly Events

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

Mondays	3.20pm - 5pm	Deeper for children in school years 3 - 6 <i>Restarting on Mon 7th Jan</i>
Wednesdays	6pm - 7.30pm	Ignite for school years 6 - 13
Wednesdays	8pm - 9.30pm	Equip (older youth) <i>Restarting on Wed 9th Jan</i>
Thursdays	9.30am - 11.15am	Matt's Monkeys toddler group for pre-school children and their parents / carers <i>Restarting on Thurs 10th Jan</i>
Fridays	8.30am - 10.30am	Breakfast Café <i>Restarting on Fri 4th Jan</i>

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23rd & 30th December 2018



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

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 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

Sunday 30th December

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

Sunday 6th January

10am Family Service Tom Tyler
5pm Seeing anew! Trevor Long
7pm Seeing anew! tbc

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.

Hubs for next term

In September, we launched some new activity groups called Hubs. Hubs play a crucial part in our wider vision for discipleship at St. Matt's. As smaller mid-week groups, they are perfectly placed to form community, build friendships and have fun whilst learning together to practice doing the things Jesus did. They are the heart of how we can practically live out our vision to "ignite passion for Jesus". We believe that our passions, giftings and creativity are God-given and are enhanced by our faith in Christ.

We would like to start some new activity hubs in January, so if you have an idea for a hub that you would like to run, please pick up one of the submission forms at the back of church, and return it to the office in the first week of January.

Thank-you to everyone who has helped in any of the services over Christmas. It is such a busy time of year, but such an important one at St. Matt's. We really appreciate all the time and energy many of you have put into making our services amazing! Have a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.