

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
Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm (once a month)	Worship Evening Sessions 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.

Mondays	3.20pm - 5pm	Deeper (last one 10th Dec) for children in school years 3 - 6
Tuesdays	5pm - 6pm	Equip (younger youth)
Wednesdays	6pm - 7.30pm	Ignite (last one 12th Dec) for school years 7 - 13
Wednesdays	8pm - 9.30pm	Equip (older youth)
Thursdays	9.30am - 11.15am	Matt's Monkeys toddler group (last one 13th Dec - ticketed party) for pre-school children and their parents / carers
Fridays	8.30am - 10.30am	Breakfast Café (last one 14th Dec) Open to everyone!

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9th 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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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 9th December

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

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

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

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 who helped at the Christmas Craft Event on Friday night. We couldn't do it without you!

Advance notice of our CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2018 The Sozo Foundation, Cape Town - training coffee baristas!

As usual, we will be giving the collections from our Christmas Services at St. Matt's to help young people who have so little and are in great need. This year we will be giving to the amazing training programme for coffee baristas run by our Mission Link Partners Steve & Diana Morris in a deprived township in Cape Town. As well as the collections themselves, you can start raising money straight away (some people like to do this during Advent!). There will be more information to follow but do get started!

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.

Nourish '12 days of Christmas' campaign

Have a look at the flyer in this notice sheet for all the details.
If you **bring your donations to church by Sunday 16th December**, we will get it all to Nourish in the week following.

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, the details are: CTTW Winter Shelter. Sort code 40-52-40. Account no. 00023965

Unite Christmas Party

Friday 14th December, 8pm - 10pm, New Life Church Southborough
Glow in the dark games and disco, come dressed in your pyjamas or onesies!
Tickets are £2 on the door or from info@tunbridgewells.yfc.co.uk