



8th December 2019

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 service 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.

Sunday 8th December

10am	Steady - parable of the tenants	Chris Wicks
5pm	The Visit	Richard Arding
7pm (communion)	The Visit	Richard Arding

Sunday 15th December

10am (communion)	Go - parable of sheep and goats	Julian Brierley
5pm (communion)	The Visionary	Chris Wicks
7pm	The Visionary	Chris Wicks

Sunday 22nd December

10am	Christmas Nativity
5pm	NO SERVICE
7pm	Christmas Carols

Children & Youth on Sundays

During term time, we run groups for children, except for the 1st Sunday of the month when we have our family service.

Shine	pre-schoolers	in the church centre
Glow	reception 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
Engage	school years 10-13	2nd & 4th Sundays in youth office

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.

Christmas Flyers

Our Christmas flyers have arrived (thanks Nick!), so please take some and give them to your family, friends and neighbours and invite them along to our Christmas services. We will get the same info on Facebook this week, so you can share that too!

Presents for the hostel

We would like to give the residents of the hostel some presents this Christmas. They have suggested toiletries, socks, small calendars or diaries. There are more men than women in the hostel.

If you would like to buy a gift, please put it in the box at the back of church by Sunday 22nd December.

High Hopes panto deliverOops!

Mike Harrowing and his team will be performing their pantomime here on Friday 20th Dec at 4pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun!

It's free, or a suggested donation of £12 per family.

If you can help with refreshments on the day, please see Mike or Hannah.

Choir rehearsal this week is Tuesday 10th December, 6.30pm in church.

Meals for Sarah and Alex

Sarah and Alex had a baby boy last Saturday called Jude. We would like to make some meals for them for the week of the 16th December.

If you can help with this, please let Hannah know in the office.

Alpha

We will be running Alpha on Tuesday evenings from January to March and would like some help - with being group leaders and aiding discussion, and also with making puddings and helping to serve them.

Please let Chris or Hannah know if you can help with any of this.

Help us receive £1000!

Ecclesiastical Insurance have started their 12 days of giving.

You can still nominate us using our charity number 1185772.

Each person can only nominate once.

Pick up a leaflet from the back of church with all the instructions on or go to

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/12-days/> Thank-you!

This week at St. Matt's

Monday 9th December	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Knitting hub (church centre)
Tuesday 10th	8am - 9am 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Prayer meeting in church Choir rehearsal in church
Wednesday 11th	3.30pm - 5pm 6pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Deeper movie night (years 3-6) Ignite Christmas party (years 7-13) Table tennis in church (team C)
Thursday 12th	All day	Polling station in church
Friday 13th	8.30am - 10.30am 2.30pm - 4pm 7pm - 9pm 8pm - 10pm	Breakfast Café Retirees mince pies at the Vicarage Unite Youth Christmas Party Welcome team thank-you evening
Sunday 15th	2.30pm	Time 2 Talk Hub at ice rink

If you would like to receive the notice sheets by email each week, please email Hannah on office@stmattschurch.org.uk

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