

# **st matt's**

*igniting passion for Jesus*

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## **Christmas and New Year**



# **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.**

**[www.stmattschurch.org.uk](http://www.stmattschurch.org.uk)**

# 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 22nd December

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

## Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle Service  
11.15pm Midnight Communion

## Christmas Day

10am Family Christmas Celebration

## Sunday 29th December

10am Family service  
NO 5pm or 7pm services

## Sunday 5th January 2020

8am Book of Common Prayer communion service  
10am Family service (Epiphany) Tom Tyler  
5pm Trevor Long  
7pm Trevor Long

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.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2019 to Tearfund

This year we are raising money over Christmas for Tearfund.

Tearfund is a Christian charity, passionate about ending global poverty. They work with local churches to achieve this, they offer disaster relief when that is needed and they also campaign to influence powerful decision makers around the world.

There are several ways you can give to Tearfund this Christmas...

You can give in the offerings at any of the Christmas services  
(22nd, 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

The logo for Tearfund, featuring the word "tearfund" in white lowercase letters on a dark teal rectangular background.

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

### Alpha

We will be running Alpha on Tuesday evenings from January to March 2020. Alpha is an introduction to Christianity and is a great course to invite people along to who are interested in finding out more. There are some flyers at the back of church which you can give to anyone who is interested.

The evenings start with coffee and desserts, followed by a video and then splitting off into smaller groups for discussion.

If you would like to be involved with being a group leader and aiding discussion, or with making puddings and helping to serve them, please let Chris or Hannah know.



Just a reminder that we collect donations for Nourish Foodbank on the first Sunday of each month, so the next donation day is Sunday 5th January.

Thank-you to everyone who has helped in any of the services or events running up to and over Christmas.

It is such a busy time of year, but such an important one in the life of 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.

# Midweek at St. Matt's

All our midweek groups have now finished for Christmas.

Here are the dates they will restart in January...

Deeper (for school years 3-6)	Mondays 3.30pm - 5pm	<b>13th Jan</b>
Ignite (for school years 7-13)	Wednesdays 6pm - 7.30pm	<b>15th Jan</b>
Matt's Monkeys (toddler group)	Thurs 9.30am - 11.15am	<b>9th Jan</b>
Breakfast café	Fridays 8.30am - 10.30am	<b>10th Jan</b>

Hubs will also restart in January—please have a look on our website or on the notice board by the coffee station in church for more details.

**If you would like to receive the notice sheets by email each week, please email Hannah on [office@stmattschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stmattschurch.org.uk)**



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