

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 9th September 2020



Praying that you are all having a good week and settling back into the routines of a new school term.

A new week has brought new announcements from the government about how many people can meet inside and outside. This will not affect church services, however, we are waiting for clarification from the Church of England regarding anything else that is not a service, like the Macmillan Coffee Morning and any other groups meeting in the church building. We will let you know as soon as we find out.

In the midst of all this, and especially if you are feeling like we're going backwards rather than moving forwards, a verse from Proverbs 3:5...

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and he will make your paths straight."

Notices

Sunday - this Sunday we are in church and online at 10am, for the same service. We are starting a new sermon series for the term, looking at journeys.

Youth and children - we have kicked off this term with some exciting zoom sessions this week! Bright / Deeper and Glow had parties earlier in the week with Lois and Ignite had a zoom bingo night yesterday. Engage will be having their first session on Sunday at 6pm (for those in school years 11-13).

If you have young people and they would like to be in the new WhatsApp groups we are setting up for the 2 age groups, please get the consent forms back to me (that were delivered with the goody bags at the weekend). It's a great way for them to be reminded of zoom sessions and feel like they are still part of the youth at St. Matt's.

Alpha - we are starting Alpha this term on Tuesday evenings on zoom. It's a course for those new to Christianity or wanting to find out more about the Christian faith. The evening starts with a video and then there will be time for discussion and questions. If you would like to join Alpha (starting on September 29th at 8pm) please contact the church office and we will send you an invitation with all the details.

Revive - our next Revive meeting for women is on Monday 28th September at 8pm on Zoom. We will be hearing from 3 different women about their experiences over the last few months and how God has been working in and through them. We'll also have worship and time to chat and pray, so do join us if you can. I'll email out the zoom link nearer the time. If you aren't on our Revive mailing list and would like to be, please drop me an email.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - at the moment, the plan is to hold a Macmillan coffee and cake sale in the church garden and outside the Blanchards' house on Friday 25th September from 10am - 12pm. We will just be double checking that this can still go ahead within the new guidelines, so we will keep you posted.

Cooking on a budget hub - Dee is starting a new hub, to share ideas and recipes for meals on a budget. It will mainly be on WhatsApp and Zoom at the moment and will evolve into what the members decide they want! If you would like to join this or any other hub, please go to our website <https://www.stmattschurch.org.uk/hubs/> where you can sign up.

This page also has details of house groups if you are interested in joining.