

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 24th September 2020



I hope you are doing well. It feels like autumn is on its way - I love the change of seasons. It invigorates me and helps me to look ahead and appreciate the creation around me.

A new week has brought a new set of restrictions from the government, but thankfully none of them impact on what we are doing as church.

As we look forward though, and are maybe anticipating what might be to come, let's hang on to some of those verses in Hebrews 11 that we have heard in our sermons so far this term:

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Let's hang onto the hope we have in God, whatever this coming week or month might bring!

Notices

Sunday - this Sunday we are on line and in church at 10am. You can watch online on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewshighbrooms>) or on our You Tube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYzjJGMNj9Evkmg2NK0dN2g>).

If you join us in church please remember to wear a face covering.

NHS Test and Trace - if you do join us in church on a Sunday morning, we will be taking down your name for NHS Test and Trace, in case it is needed. We will store this data securely and only for 21 days, in line with GDPR.

Today, the NHS are also launching their NHS Covid-19 app which aims to help with the test and trace system, as you can log into venues you visit and then it can contact you if you have been near someone with a positive test. We will be displaying a QR code in church for you to scan when you arrive if you have the app, but this is not a requirement by law for places of worship.

Photos for family service - our next family service is on 4th October and we would like photos of things you have grown in your garden or allotment please. You can send the photos to myself or Lois, by this Sunday. We would also like a photo of you if you have had a birthday in September. Thanks!

Alpha - our Alpha course starts next Tuesday evening on zoom and will run through to Christmas. If you, or anyone you know, would like to join the course, you can sign up

here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/hpmk9gjl>

Alpha is a great course for finding out more about God and the Christian faith, and is a chance to ask all those questions you have!

Macmillan Cake sale - in light of all the restrictions, Rosemary and her team will be selling cakes and a few other bits outside her house in Newlands Road, tomorrow morning between 10am and 12pm. She hopes to still raise some money for Macmillan, so do support her if you can.

Revive - our next Revive meeting for women is on Monday 28th September, at 8pm on zoom. We will have a time of worship, hear from 3 ladies about their journey of the last few months, and have time to pray together. If you would like to join us and don't have the zoom code, let me know.

Youth and children - each Sunday our youth and children's videos are on our You Tube channel, for anyone who wants to watch them. You can find the channel [here](#). If you subscribe to the channel, then whenever you go to You Tube, you can just click on subscriptions and St Matt's will be there.

There are also zoom sessions each week for children and youth, so do be in touch if you would like your child to join any of these.

Job opportunity - Life & Soul are looking for a new CEO, for 16 hours a week. If you are interested in applying, you can find all the information here <https://www.lifeandsoul.org.uk/##vacancies>

Enjoy the end of your week!