

## St. Matt's Midweek Update – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020



I hope your week is going well. Can you believe it's October today!

I have been fairly rubbish at keeping up with the Lectio365 app, but when I do get a chance to catch up on some of the daily devotions, they always speak into my life. Isn't God amazing like that!

One I listened to the other day quoted Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings, but it is very relevant for us now I think...

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." (J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring).

### Notices

**Fitness Hub** - Lois' fitness classes start today, so if you would like to join and haven't yet signed up, please do so now!

You can sign up for the 1pm class here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/groups/r2eaqzpv> (although I don't think that will be starting today now).

You can sign up for the 7pm class here (this one is starting today!) <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/groups/1sx49esf>

**Sunday** - this Sunday is the first Sunday in October, so we will be having our 8am communion service in church, and then our family service in church and online at 10am.

It's also **Harvest**, so we will be collecting donations for a couple of charities.

If you are coming to church and would like to bring donations for Nourish Foodbank, please do. You can also donate in the big supermarkets around town when you do your shopping. They currently desperately need tinned potatoes, tinned hotdogs, pasta 'n' sauce sachets, soap, antibacterial handwash and laundry tablets (not pods). They can also do with tinned soup and sugar.

If you would like to donate financially, we will be giving our Harvest offering to Tearfund. There will be a basket in church, but the easiest way to donate, is to follow this link and use your credit or debit card <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/fund/4jh7ck8a>

If you use the donate button on the website, or the text giving number, please choose Harvest as your fund, under the drop down menu.

**Birthday photos** - if you have had a birthday in September, and haven't yet sent me your photo, please do so by the end of today, so we can celebrate with you on Sunday!

**Friday Worship and Prayer** - last term we had a fortnightly prayer and worship session on Zoom, on a Friday evening at 8pm. We are going to be restarting this on Friday 9th October, for anyone who would like to join. I'll send out the Zoom link in next week's email.

**You Tube** - all our services and videos (for youth and children) are on our You Tube channel, so you can catch up with anything you've missed or watch something again! Here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYzjJGMNj9Evkmg2NK0dN2g>

**Electoral Roll and APCM** - the electoral roll is now closed for revision. We will be holding our APCM on 19th October. More details will follow next week.

That's all for now! Have a good weekend.