

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 21st October 2020



I hope you are all keeping well and safe.

I feel a bit lacking in inspiration today for Bible verses! It's a busy week this week, but I know that I have some time to rest next week, so that's what's keeping me going!

So the verse that springs to mind during my busyness is...

"Be still and know that I am God."

Let's make sure we find time to be still now and again, and to keep God in all we do.

Notices

Friday Worship and Prayer Zoom - everyone is welcome to join our hour of worship and prayer this Friday (23rd October) at 8pm. It's a good time to just stop and focus on God.

If you would like to join, please email office@stmattschurch.org.uk for the zoom link.

Community larder - plans for the community larder are moving forward, but the Bethel Hall needs a bit more clearing out before the larder can start. Liz and Jan will be having another working party this Saturday (24th October) from 9.30am - 11.30am. If you are able to come and help move things out of the kitchen, and clear cupboards, then please do come along. Masks will need to be worn, and you may want to bring gloves.

Church building work - starting on Monday next week, we will be having some remedial building work happening on our building for the next 2 months. This work comes out of our 5 yearly inspection by the Church of England, and involves things like pointing, restoring some brick work, and work to keep the roof watertight! The church will be encased in scaffolding with 4m high metal sheets on it, and once that is up a proper inspection will be done to make sure we do everything that needs to be done in one go.

Please bear with us as this is happening - it will make the church seem even duller inside I'm afraid! All the entrances and exits we have been using on a Sunday will still be in operation, but the builders will be using the church centre and kitchen for their rest space, so we will have no access into the main part of the church centre for the duration.

APCM - we had a good APCM on Monday night. Thank-you to those who came along. At the APCM we elected some new PCC and Deanery Synod members.

PCC - Andrew MacKay decided to step down from the PCC. Thank-you so much to Andrew for the time and wisdom he has given to the PCC over the last 18 months. Ian Wilson and Richard West have been re-elected to PCC, as they came to the end of their initial term, and Brian Hobden has been newly elected as a PCC member.

Deanery Synod - Jane Richardson has now stepped down from serving on PCC and Deanery Synod. Thank-you to Jane for all she has given to these roles over the years. Mary Wilson has been re-elected as a Deanery Synod rep, and therefore sits on the PCC as well.

Our PCC is therefore now made up of the following people - Chris Wicks, Hannah Mwesigwa, Kate Whitehead, Bee Shaw, David Johnson, Mary Wilson, Ian Wilson, Sarah West, Richard West, Matthew Fryett, Mike Southwick, Suzanne Owen, Brian Hobden.

Thank-you to all these people for being willing to serve our church in this way, and to Bee and David, who have been re-elected as church wardens for another year.

Youth and children's work - there will be a break from all the usual zoom sessions next week as it is half term.

Lois and Hannah will both be on leave next week, so please be in touch with Chris if you need anything.