

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 19th November 2020



I hope you are having a good week.

The other day I came across a video which I have just shared on Discipleship. You can find it here on You Tube <https://youtu.be/5f4b3ln7A4c>

It's a spoken word piece from a white person asking us to check our blind spots - to be aware of the privilege we have as white people and to reflect and educate ourselves about racism.

It reminded me of the verses in Psalm 139, where the Psalmist asks God to "search me, God, and know my heart.... See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Then I looked at the Lectio 365 reading for today, and it's talking about God's work in us, about the Bible being our mirror and bringing our lives into sharp focus.

So, I pray the prayer from this devotional for us today:

"God I pray for my church community. Help us hunger for holiness. Show us our hidden faults, thoughts and failures. Would we be quick to say sorry, even quicker to forgive others and led always by love."

Notices



This Friday is our worship and prayer session on Zoom at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of time connecting with each other and with God. Please email office@stmattschurch.org.uk to have the zoom link sent to you.



We are having a Christmas Quiz on Friday 11th December at 7pm on Zoom! You can join in as a household or support bubble and it doesn't matter if you have a team of 1 or a team of 8! This is not your normal quiz - there will be lots of fun and games for all ages! If you would like to join in, please sign up here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/rzgnye4p>



Every Tuesday, from 9.15am to 9.45am, Lois will be hosting a zoom coffee session for anyone who would like a chance to connect and chat to others. Please email lois@stmattschurch.org.uk to get the zoom link.



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Prayers and readings - Lastly, as you know, we ask people each week to record themselves doing the prayers and reading for the Sunday services. We are getting later and later at asking people each week, and would like to be able to have people on a rota for a couple of months at a time.

If you would be willing to be on this rota after Christmas, please let me know by email, and whether you would prefer to do prayers or readings, and then I will get a rota out for the new year. Thanks!

As always, please be in touch if you would like any support or help, whether that be financially, emotionally, physically or other! Especially in the run up to Christmas, please let us know if you know of anyone struggling financially, as we may be able to help.