

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 14th January 2021



I hope you are well and coping with week 2 of this new lock-down. Please be in touch if you need support in any way.

This week I was listening to the Lectio 365 app, catching up as usual as I can never quite seem to get into enough of a habit to listen every day!!

The reading was the rich young man coming to Jesus and asking how to inherit eternal life. As I listened to the reading, the bit that really jumped out at me was that "Jesus looked at him and loved him.". The devotional also picks up on this part. The young man was coming to Jesus, thinking he had to be good and do the right things to earn eternal life, but deep down knowing that wasn't enough. Jesus wasn't disappointed in him, or frustrated that he hadn't realised that he needed more, He just loved him.

Jesus loved him in his imperfection, and yet He wanted to challenge him to draw even closer to Him and to live the life Jesus knew was best for him.

Maybe today you just need to know that Jesus looks at you and loves you, regardless of how you feel or how well you think you are measuring up.

But knowing that Jesus loves you, does He want to challenge you with anything today? Is there something you know you need to do to come closer to God or to live the life He wants you to live? If there is, let Him challenge you through His love.

Notices



This Sunday's service is online at 10am. You can join us on [Facebook](#) or [You Tube](#).

It's lovely to see who is joining with us when we are live, so do say hi in the comments. You can also watch the service later on You Tube or through the website.



Our **Friday worship and prayer** evening on Zoom is back tomorrow at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to connect on Zoom for an hour of worship and prayer. If you would like the Zoom link, please email office@stmattschurch.org.uk



Our next **Revive women's meeting** is on Monday 1st February at 8pm on Zoom. Ali Lavender will be joining us on Zoom to speak, and Suzy will lead us in worship. There will also be a chance to chat and pray in smaller groups.

Revive is for all women, so do invite friends to join us if you'd like to. I will email out the Zoom link nearer the time.



Mission Prayer Meetings happen once a month to hear updates of our mission partners around the world and to pray for them. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th January at 3.30pm on Zoom. Please let me know if you would like to join this meeting and I will send you the Zoom link.



Hubs at St. Matt's are small groups based around a shared passion or hobby, like gardening or cooking. The idea is to give people ways to connect and build relationships. House groups are also hubs and provide that connection. Most of these hubs can run remotely, via Zoom or WhatsApp groups. Now, more than ever, we need ways to keep connected with each other.

- If you are running a hub and it is still connecting in some way, please can you let me know, so that we can send out a list for people to join if they'd like to.
- If you have an idea for a new hub, based around a hobby, or just a space for people to catch up and chat, then please let me know and we'll help you get something started. There is only so much that the staff team can run ourselves, so if you can help to run something, we'd love it!

And finally, **contact details**. We are using these much more at the moment to stay in touch and deliver things, so having your contact details up to date is very helpful! I will send out an email through Church Suite this week, asking you to check and update your details. Please do spend 5 minutes doing this, so that we can reach you! Thanks.

Once again, do let me know if there is anything you need support with. We are happy to help if we can. Have a good weekend.