

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 28th January 2021



Another week gone, and we're almost at the end of January! It always feels like a very long month, doesn't it!! For those of you with children at home, you are now well over halfway through this half term, so keep going!

Today, I'd like to reflect back to what Chris was talking about last Sunday, and that is our identity in Jesus. He was talking about the Holy Spirit coming down on Jesus at his baptism, and how that same Holy Spirit is in us. Part of the work of the Holy Spirit is to assure us of our identity as children of God. The verse in Romans that Chris mentioned, says this in The Message version: "God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children."

So, this week, let's remind ourselves of this truth as often as we can - we are children of God and He loves us dearly.

Notices



Please do let us know if you need support of any kind. There are plenty of people in our church family who are willing to help out when needed, with shopping, phone calls, support if you're self-isolating or shielding. Please do ask if you need it.

Please also feel free to let us know if you are really struggling with home schooling because you don't have enough devices or a printer. We would love to try and help.

Our 10am Sunday service will be online only again this Sunday. The PCC met on Monday and decided that church should stay online only until 21st February, which is when the government will be reviewing lock-down. We will look at what the government decide to do then and will review our decision from there. This means there won't be an 8am communion on 7th February.



We will be celebrating January birthdays at our family service on 7th February, so if you have had a birthday in January, please send in a photo of yourself, or get someone to send one in for you! I know there are lots of us with January birthdays!

Tomorrow is our fortnightly worship and prayer evening on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to come and spend an hour praying and worshipping together and seeking God in these difficult times.

If you would like the Zoom link to join this meeting, please email office@stmattschurch.org.uk



Then on Monday evening at 8pm, we have our Revive Women's Meeting on Zoom. Ali Lavender is going to be speaking to us about her year of changing church, moving house and starting a new job, while coping with a global pandemic! Suzy will be leading us in some worship and we'll have time to reflect and pray together in smaller groups.

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I hope you have a good weekend and can join in with one of our extra meetings if you would like to (worship and prayer, and Revive). It's a great way of feeling connected to the rest of St. Matt's.