

## St. Matt's Midweek Update – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021



How are you feeling this week, having heard Boris' announcement about coming out of lock-down? Hopeful, excited, impatient, nervous, anxious? You might be feeling all of those things, and that's ok. Let's remember that we will all react differently and be ready to do things at different times.

Have you seen the TV programme 'The Repair Shop'? It was on last night and there was an amazing story of an engagement ring that had been in the family for over 3 generations and was lost for a year. When the family found it on their driveway outside it had been run over numerous times and was a complete mess. But the expert managed to restore it to its former glory - in fact, the couple said it was even better than it had been before.

What an amazing story that we can relate to our relationship with God! The LiveLent daily reflections yesterday and today have been about the parables of lost things. I'm sure we all have people who are 'lost' who we are praying for - non-Christians who we would love to come to God. But I also think that being lost can relate to us as well, especially at the moment. We might be lost in grief, lost because we are lonely and isolated, lost because our mental health is a struggle at the moment, lost because we just feel distant from God, lost because we are struggling to trust him for our finances and our futures. The good news is that Jesus is looking for us and won't stop until he has found us. He wants to restore us to his glory and won't give up his work of patient fixing until he is finished.

There is going to be a lot of restoration and recovery needed as we come out of this pandemic, both nationally, locally and individually. If you would like prayer or support at the moment for anything, please be in touch with us.

### Notices



Our Sunday services will stay online only for a few more weeks until schools are back and we can open safely. Thank-you for your patience and support through this time. You can watch our service at 10am on Sunday on [Facebook](#) or [You Tube](#), or catch up afterwards on [You Tube](#) or on our [website](#).

This Friday is our worship and prayer evening on Zoom at 8pm. It's a great opportunity to spend some time seeking God and letting him speak to us, as well as connecting with others. If you would like the Zoom link to join this meeting, please email [office@stmattschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stmattschurch.org.uk)



Have you had a birthday in February? Send in a photo of you (with your cake or balloons or something birthday-like!) by Wednesday 3rd March to show in our service on 7th March.

On a side note, we are moving our family service from 7th March to 14th March, as that's Mothering Sunday.



All our children's and youth zooms start back next week.

Bright / Deeper on Monday at 4pm

Glow on Tuesday at 4pm

Ignite on Wednesday at 6.30pm

Engage this Sunday at 7.30pm

Please email [office@stmattschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stmattschurch.org.uk) for any of the zoom links.





The online recovery course is open to anyone struggling with any sort of addiction, compulsive behaviour or habit including shopping, tobacco, internet, drugs, alcohol, gambling, food, pornography, sex, and self-harming etc.

The new 15 week course starts on 9th March. Have a look at this link for more information or to book your place <https://www.therecoverycourse.com/about>

That's all for now. Please do be in touch with us if we can help in any way. Have a good week and stay safe.