

## St. Matt's Midweek Update – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021



How are you doing this week?

Let's keep all our school staff and young people and children in our prayers this week as they prepare to have everyone back in school from Monday. There will be excitement mixed with anxiety for many, and a different routine to get used to again for some.

As we try to look forward with hope, let's remind ourselves of some of the good things that have come out of this pandemic. As a church we have been reaching more people with our online services, and people are more open to hearing about Jesus.

The St. Matt's community larder is an amazing thing to have come out of this pandemic for us locally, and the relationships being built there are so encouraging.

This morning, this article from Tearfund was in my inbox - have a read, as it shares more stories of hope and of the church reaching out when it has been most needed [Tearfund article](#)

It's easy to focus on the tough things, and there is a lot that is tough to deal with at the moment! But it's good to try and focus on what we can be thankful for and on the ways God has worked through this last year.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

### Notices



Last call for February birthday photos! I need them by the end of today please to be shown in the service this Sunday. Email to [office@stmattschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stmattschurch.org.uk)



We are going to be delivering / sending out something for Mothering Sunday to the women in our church, and so we need your help with a couple of things...

- If you know of any women who have been regularly watching our online services over the past few months to a year who we may not know about, please let me know so that we can include them.

- We would like to try and hand deliver as much as we can (just putting cards through letter boxes) and it would be great if some men could help with this! So, if you are a man and could deliver some things during your daily exercise outing, please let me know. It would need to be towards the end of next week, to be delivered by the end of Saturday 13th March. Thanks!



Our kids and youth zoom sessions continue next week.

Ignite (for school years 6-13) will be having a Crystal Maze evening next Wednesday at 6.30pm.

All our previous youth and kids videos are on our You Tube channel, so do use this amazing resource with your families [St. Matt's You Tube](#)



If you would like to receive the kids activities that Lois sends out each week, please email [lois@stmattschurch.org.uk](mailto:lois@stmattschurch.org.uk) to be added to the list.



Do join us online this Sunday at 10am for our service. You can watch on our [Facebook](#) page or on our [You Tube](#) channel.

This Sunday won't be a family service, as we have moved this to the following Sunday when it is Mothering Sunday.

We will continue to be online only for our services for a couple more weeks, while we get the building sorted out and make some internal improvements related to live streaming, but we will definitely be back in church by Easter. When we do open church again, we will be back to streaming online as well as having some people in the building, socially distanced and wearing masks.

And lastly, do be in touch with us if we can support you in any way. We are still here for you, even if we haven't seen you for ages!

Have a good weekend.