

## St. Matt's Midweek Update – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021



How is your week going? It's been so lovely to see the sun most days for the last couple of weeks - it really helps with getting out for a walk, or just feeling like spring is properly here!

Ephesians 6:18 says "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

There are so many things we can be praying for all the time, especially if you watch the news, but can I ask you this week to be praying with us for a few specific things?

- please pray about our advert for a new Youth Minister, that God would bring the right person to us. Pray for people to see the advert and apply in time. And do keep Tom, Sarah and Jennifer in your prayers, that God would bless them as a family as they move onto new things.
  - pray for those in our congregation and community who are ill, both mentally and physically, that God would heal them, bring them the support they need, and would be their strength.
  - pray for those in our congregation and community who are bereaved, lonely, or anxious, that God would be their comfort and peace and would bring people alongside them to walk with them.
  - and please pray for us as a church as we move forward with tentative steps into less restrictions and a new normal, that God would be our wisdom and our guide, and that we would be gracious to each other and help each other on the journey, not leaving anyone behind.
- Amen!

## Notices

**This Sunday we have two services in church.**



**8am communion** - Richard Arding will be leading this short service of communion in church only. Everyone is welcome.

**10am family service** - this Sunday is our all age service, and Mike will be joining us in church to speak. This service will be both in church and online, on [Facebook](#) and [You Tube](#).

There is no need to book to come to church, we have had plenty of space the last few weeks. Please don't come to church if you are feeling unwell in any way. If you come to church, you will need to sanitise your hands on the way in, wear a face mask unless medically exempt, and sit with your own household. Thank-you for helping us to stay safe!



**Last call for April birthday photos!** We'll be showing our birthday slideshow this Sunday, so today is the final day for photos to be sent in if you had your birthday in April. I've got quite a few, and we also have a few March photos which we will add in as well. Sorry if yours was missed last time - a few got lost in the transferring from one computer to another!

**APCM** - our annual church meeting is taking place on Monday 10th May at 8pm in church. This is a chance to hear about church life over the last year, vote in new PCC members and church wardens, and hear about church finances.

If you are planning to come to the meeting, please sign up using this link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/6t2t6ewv>

If you are interested in being on the PCC (which is the group of people who are the trustees of the church as a charity) or representing St. Matt's at Deanery Synod (a local meeting of people from CofE churches three times a year), or would like to know more about these roles, please be in touch with me.



**The community larder** is open every Friday from 9.30am - 10.45am in the Bethel Hall, for anyone wanting to access cheap good quality food as well as helping the environment, by stopping all that surplus food going to waste. Thank you so much to all those making it happen and volunteering every week, both at the actual larder and picking up food from supermarkets.

If you need any help or support at the moment, please do be in touch.  
We hope you have a good bank holiday weekend, filled with rest and peace.