

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 20th May 2021

How is your week going?

This week I have been reminded how much I need to keep fixing my eyes on Jesus, again and again and again. We are so good at focusing on our problems or our anxieties or getting complacent when things are good. But when we fix our eyes on Jesus, we remember that we aren't journeying through this life on our own, that we have a helper to walk with us.

John 14:25-26 says, "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

The Thy Kingdom Come reflection for yesterday says "God knows we can't manage on our own. Of course we can't. After all, we are made for community with God and with each other. Jesus makes this possible by uniting our humanity with God in his own person. The Spirit, is the spirit of Jesus, helping us become like Jesus and uniting us to God."

I wonder who we could pray for today, that God would be their helper? Or maybe God is prompting you to walk alongside someone and help them on their journey?

Notices



This Sunday we are continuing our wellbeing journey in our 10am service. We will also be having communion at the end of the service this week for those in church. We hope you can join us online or in church, in all the usual ways.



This Friday is our worship and prayer evening on Zoom at 8pm. You are welcome to join us for an hour of seeking God and sharing with each other. If you would like the Zoom link to join, please email office@stmattschurch.org.uk



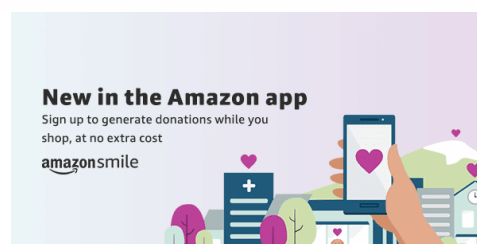
We are planning to start some outside midweek face to face youth and children's work over the next few weeks, which we are really excited about! Parents, please keep an eye on your emails, as we will be sending out all the details and consent forms to fill in.



We are more than half-way through May already (how?!) so please do send in your May birthday photos as they happen! I know May is a busy month for birthdays. You can email me your photo or WhatsApp it if that is easier. We will be showing them on 6th June, so not for a couple of weeks yet!

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You can donate using a credit or debit card, and you decide whether to cover the small fee that is charged.

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A group called Southborough SOS, who do huge amounts of volunteer work keeping Southborough and High Brooms litter free and looking lovely, are taking part in the Great British Spring Clean from 28th May to 13th June. They have the following litter picks planned, which anyone can get involved with. It would be great if we could help to keep our communities clean.

- Friday 28th May 2pm - London Rd - meet Yew Tree Road car park
- Sunday 30th May 10am - North Farm / Dowding Way - meet at Dowding Way footpath / entrance to Nell's bridge
- Saturday 5th June 10am - Barnett's Wood - meet by roundabout at the bottom of Powdermill Lane
- Monday 7th June 10am - Speldhurst Road - meet at Majestic Wines
- Friday 11th June 10am - around High Brooms Stations - meet at the station
- Saturday 12th June 10am - High Brooms - meet at St. Matt's School
- Monday 14th June 10am - around Southborough School - meet at the school

To join a litter pick, the easiest way would be to join the FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489764224701456> and sign up. Otherwise, let me know, and I'll pass on your message. You will need to wear gloves and sturdy footwear for all the litter-picks.

If you need any help or support this week, please do be in touch.
Have a good weekend!