

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 27th May 2021



How are you this week?

I've got myself back into listening to the Lectio 365 app in the last couple of weeks, having slipped out of the habit of it for a while.

This week has been all about justice, and our faith being more than words, being action as well. Wednesday was the one year anniversary of the death of George Floyd, which was the fuel which has fired many protests and has re-ignited a movement of anti-racism. But has there been change? Definitely not enough, if any. The racial inequality in our nation seems so ingrained, and I can't begin to understand what it must feel like to live with that day after day. But I must at least try.

I don't have the right words to say about this, but I wanted to just remind us all (me included) that we all have a responsibility to be part of the solution, to speak out and pray and educate ourselves and listen. To work to be a church and a community that is equal and loving and inclusive. To stand up for injustice.

Join me in this prayer from Lectio 365 if you are able to:

"God, I ask You to show me how You want me to show up, work and pray persistently for racial righteousness and equity in my community and in my nation.

God, I pause now and pray a prayer that can only be answered by You. Eradicate racism from this world. Heal those most impacted by it. Reconcile us, make us one as You and the Father are one." Amen.

Notices



This Sunday we are in church and online as usual at 10am. Pat Blanchard, one of our mission links, will be joining us for our service and sharing with us about her work in Peru. You can watch on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewshighbrooms> or on our You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/stmatts>

Tea in the garden with Pat - Pat will be staying with the Wilsons for a few days, so there will a chance to catch up with her and chat to her on Tuesday 1st June 2.30pm - 4.30pm in the Wilson's garden (20 Newlands Road). There is no need to book for this, you can just come along for some or all of the time.



May birthday photos - thanks if you have already sent in your May birthday photos! If you have had a birthday in May and would like your photo included in the birthday slideshow, please email it to me by Tuesday morning (1st June). I won't be checking my emails after that as I'll be on leave for the week!

Ignite met up outside this week, in the school field, and it was so good to see them all again! They did get a bit wet, but I don't think that dampened spirits too much! Ignite will be meeting at the school field again on Tuesday 8th June 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Engage, for our older youth, have also met up a couple of times in person. Please do be praying for our young people as they reconnect and build relationships again, with each other and with their leaders.





Litter picking - Just a reminder that Southborough SOS are organising lots of litter picks over the next couple of weeks as part of the Great British Spring Clean. You can find out about them all on their Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489764224701456> and sign up there. It would be great if some of us could get involved in the ones in our area - Sat 5th June 10am in Barnett's Wood and Sat 12th June 10am meeting at St. Matt's School.

Please be in touch if you need any help or support over the coming weeks.

There won't be a newsletter next week as I am on leave.

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and that the sun shines on us all!