

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 1st July 2021

I hope you are well and having a good week.

This Sunday is national thank you day, as we look back over the last 18 months and think about all those who have helped us through the pandemic. We will be sharing a bit more about this in our service on Sunday, but I wonder who you are thankful to or for? There are so many people who have worked tirelessly over the last year, who have gone above and beyond to help others and give of themselves. We thank you all!

Maybe this week, you could think of a way to thank someone who has made a difference in your life, whether it be in this last year or more generally. It feels like there are a lot of people who are worn out and tired at the moment, and sometimes a word of encouragement can really lift people up.

Hebrews 10:23-25 says "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Notices



This Sunday is the first of the month, so we will be having **8am communion in church**. This is a short, more traditional communion service.

We will then have our normal **hybrid 10am service**, both in church and online. There is still space in church for both services for those that would like to come. You just need to wear a face mask.

Reminder about keeping safe - as Covid cases are rising again in our area, and especially in schools, I just wanted to give a reminder that you should NOT come to church if you or anyone in your household is ill, especially with Covid19 symptoms. There are also quite a lot of children having to self-isolate at the moment from school - please don't come to church if you or anyone in your household is self-isolating. Although it feels like lots of people are fully vaccinated, there will be those who aren't, and as we are open to all we have a duty to keep everyone safe.



Matt's Monkeys - It's so lovely having some parents and toddlers in church this morning for Matt's Monkeys! We are just running a few weeks up to the summer holidays, in a smaller way, to see how it works within the restrictions we have now. If you would like to book in for the next two weeks, here are the links.

8th July (on it's own or with 15th July as

well) <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/zoaqijak>

15th July (as a stand alone

session) <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/tr6wjpgl>



Pizza Evening - Our pizza making evening on Zoom is next week, Friday 9th July at 6pm, so you can make your pizza and eat it for your dinner! At the moment we don't have enough people signed up to run this, so if you would like to join in with the pizza making, please sign up by this Sunday, using this link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/pebbqq8q>

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Children and youth this week

Bright and Glow zooms are on as usual this week,
on Monday and Tuesday at 4pm.

Ignite will be meeting in the school field on Tuesday at 6.30pm.

Unfortunately we had to postpone the campfire last Tuesday
because of the weather, but we will have this on 13th July instead.



Community Larder

The community larder is open every Friday, 9.30am - 10.45am at the Bethel Hall, to help with food needs and to help prevent food waste. Everyone is welcome. Jan and Liz would also love to hear from you if you can volunteer to help at all, either with supermarket collections or on a Friday morning.
Thanks!

That's all for now. We are still hoping to do a church picnic as soon as restrictions are eased further, but we'll keep you updated when we know more!

Have a good week and do be in touch if you need any help.