

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 16th September 2021



How are you?

Last Sunday we talked about how God uses the trials we have in our lives to help us to grow. Trials produce perseverance in us and shape us into the person God wants us to be.

In my talk I mentioned 3 things that help me through my trials...

Walking with others through our lives

Seeing the small positives in our big trials, and asking God to show us those things He is doing

Seeing the bigger picture - looking back and seeing how far we've come

Maybe you can focus on one of those at the moment and ask God to give you wisdom and guidance as you face whatever difficult situation you might be going through.

This Sunday, we will be looking at the next bit of James 1, about temptation and being tested. More wisdom to come this week!

Notices

Youth and children this Sunday

- Glow and Bright (for school years R-6) will be on this Sunday, starting in the church service and then going up to the Bethel Hall.
- The church centre will be set up with toys and the service on the TV, for any parents who want to be in there with their preschool children.
- Youth (school years 7-13) will be meeting at the Powneys house (26 East Cliff Road). They need to be there by 10am and will finish at 11am. Please let us know if your young person is allowed to walk home by themselves.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Rosemary is holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning next Tuesday 21st September, from 10am - 12pm outside her house (60 Newlands Road). Please do go along and support her if you can, to raise money for cancer care and research. And please bring your own mug!

Revive Women's Breakfast

Our next Revive for women is on Saturday 2nd October, 8.30am - 10.30am in church.

We will be providing breakfast of croissants and pain au chocolats, and we have got individual butter and jam portions so that it's easy and safe to serve these. There will also be a gluten free option. If you plan to come and have other allergies, please let me know, so that we can cater for you.

We will do breakfast between 8.30am and 9am, and then have worship and a talk from Dee, with time for prayer at the end. Dee will be sharing her "Lessons learned from hindsight"!

We hope you can join us. There is plenty of space in the church and we will have the doors open, so we will be as safe as possible.

Children and youth midweek

All our midweek groups will be back this week in the church building...

- Deeper on Mondays at 3.30pm - 5pm for school years 3-6
- Ignite on Tuesdays at 6pm - 7.30pm for school years 7-13
- Matt's Monkeys toddler group on Thursdays at 9.30am - 11am for preschool children and their carers.

Community larder

The community larder is open every Friday from 9.30am - 10.45am at the Bethel Hall for anyone who needs help with food costs or who wants to stop food waste.

You can also donate food items. This week they need PASTA SAUCES.

The usual drop off places are the box in church on Sunday, the Bethel on Thurs or Fri mornings, the larder crate in Lidl, or you can put items on Liz's doorstep. Thanks.

Volunteers

Thank-you to everyone who has volunteered to help with things in church this term. As you know, we can't run any of our activities without volunteers, and we really appreciate you all. If we counted up all our volunteers across Sundays, midweek groups, the larder, leadership team, PCC and more, it would be HUGE!

But, as you know, we still need some more help with our children's groups on a Sunday morning, both creche and primary school age. If this is something you could help with, please speak to Lois. Thanks.

Aquila Course

Aquila is a 7-week self-help course aimed at anyone who has experienced or is currently going through a relationship breakdown. Groups are confidential. As a Christian organisation, working closely with local churches, Aquila's aim is to give non-judgmental care and support to men and women wanting to rebuild their lives regardless of background or belief. The next Aquila course begins on **Monday 4 October; 7.45-9.45pm**. To register for the course or to find out more please contact Mark Bishop (from All Saints Church, Crowborough) on 01892-652292 or email crowborough@hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk

If you need any help or support this week, please do be in touch with Lois or myself in the office, and we'll see what we can do.

Have a good weekend!