

## St. Matt's Midweek Update – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

I hope your week is going well.

Last Sunday Richard spoke on James 1:13-19, and reminded us that God gives good things, and temptation comes from the Devil.

Verse 17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Sometimes, in the midst of pain or struggles, it is hard to see the good things God gives us.

It's a real encouragement though to be able to see the good things God gives us, however small or mundane they might seem. What can you thank God for today? In Uganda, people used to thank God that they were alive! They recognised that life is fleeting and that even the gift of life is from God. Today I'm thanking God for the sunshine, for family and friends, for my church family, for security and safety. Once you start thinking about it, the list grows!

### Notices



**This Sunday** we will be continuing our series on James, and Dedo will be speaking.

If you are coming into church, please wear a mask when moving around the building, or if you are getting or serving drinks. We will be serving drinks up to 10am, and then again after the service. While the weather is still nice, please do use the church garden to chat after the service, as it is safer than being inside.

**Children and youth this Sunday** - unfortunately we don't have enough volunteers to run anything for children this Sunday, so there will be no Glow and Bright this week.

The creche room will be set up for parents to take their preschool children into (with the service on the TV in there). Please keep your primary school age children with you in the service.

Youth will meet at the Powneys' house at 10am (they can arrive from 9.45am) and they will be continuing with Youth Alpha.

If you would like to volunteer to help with children's groups on Sundays, please speak to me or Lois.



**Harvest** - the following Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> October) is our Harvest family service.

We will be collecting food for Nourish Foodbank, so please bring along your donations on the Sunday to church or drop them off in the week if that is easier. Below is a list of what Nourish need at the moment.

We will also be collecting money for Tearfund at our Harvest service and online. I will let you know next week the ways you can give money to our Tearfund offering.

Just a quick explanation about the community larder and Nourish - we want to support both these initiatives as a church family, and they both serve different needs. Therefore you can donate to the larder throughout the year, but we will have a few specific collection days (like Harvest) when we collect food for Nourish Foodbank.



Our next **Revive Women's breakfast** is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 8.30am - 10.30am in church. All women aged 14+ are welcome. We will have breakfast of croissants and pain au chocolats, worship, a talk from Dee (Lessons learnt from hindsight) and time for prayer. We'd love to see you if you can join us!



**Knitting Hub** is on this Saturday 10.30am - 12pm in the church centre.  
**Sewing Bee Hub** - Ruth is also starting up a sewing hub in her home, on the first Friday of each month from 7:30 pm. This will start on Friday 1st October. It is for people who enjoy sewing and would like to share projects, patterns, plans etc. and will be for all kinds of projects: mending, up-cycling, designing from scratch. Please speak to Ruth or let me know if you are interested, and I can give you the address.

**September birthdays** - we've only got one week of September left, so please send me your September birthday photos if you would like to be in our birthday slideshow on 3rd October.  
Thanks.

**School forms** - anyone with children in year 6 will be thinking about secondary schools now. If you have forms for Bennett or St. Greg's which need signing, I can do this for you. Please contact me to arrange a time when you can come into the office, preferably not too near the closing date!

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - Rosemary would like to say a huge thank you for all the generous donations, wonderful cakes and cookies and support she received on Tuesday. They have raised an amazing total of £1,214.50! Amazing!

That's all for now. I hope you have a good weekend.  
Please do be in touch if you need any help or support this week.



It's been a busy start to our year and we are continuing to deliver every weekday. But we are running out of some of our staple items, can you help?



MARCH 2021

**WE DESPERATELY NEED:**

- TINNED TOMATOES
- TOILETRIES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED RICE PUDDING & CUSTARD
- TINNED FRUIT
- SPREADS - JAM, PEANUT BUTTER, MARMITE
- WASHING TABLETS

**WE ARE ALSO SHORT OF:**

- LONGLIFE MILK & JUICE
- BAKED BEANS
- SQUASH
- CURRY SAUCE
- RICE
- CEREAL
- WASHING UP LIQUID

**PLEASE DON'T DONATE (we have enough!):**

- PASTA & PASTA SAUCE
- TEA

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