

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 30th September 2021



How is your week going?

It feels much more like autumn today doesn't it? I like the changing of the seasons, although not the cold weather! This Sunday we will be celebrating harvest, and all the good things God gives us.

Last Sunday, Dedo carried on our series in James. She talked about walking out our faith - doing, not just believing. Are we putting our faith in God into action? Are we doing good and helping others as an overflow of the love God has given us, or just out of duty or because we feel we need to earn our way to heaven?

James wants us to be doers of the word, but he also recognises that we need to start with listening and hearing God first. The action comes from having a relationship with God and from the gratitude of knowing that He loves us.

God, would you help us to "know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, each and every day." (adapted from Hebrews 12:2).

Notices



This Sunday

8am communion service - you are welcome to join us in church for a short traditional communion service. It's on the first Sunday of every month.

10am Harvest family service - we will be celebrating Harvest this Sunday. To mark Harvest, we will be collecting food items for Nourish Foodbank, and cash collections for Tearfund.

If you would like to give to Nourish, please bring your items to church on Sunday. Below is a list of what they need at the moment.

If you would like to donate money to Tearfund, you can bring cash or cheque to church on Sunday, or you can donate using a debit or credit card

here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/fund/ope5413e>

As it is a family service this Sunday, there will be no separate youth or children's groups. We will all be in church (or online!) together.

It feels like there is a lot of Covid around in Tunbridge Wells at the moment, so please help us to keep everyone safe by wearing a mask when you come into the building and are moving around, taking a lateral flow test before you come if you can, sanitising your hands, and staying at home if you feel unwell. Thank-you!



This Saturday morning is our **Revive Women's Breakfast**, for all women aged 14+.

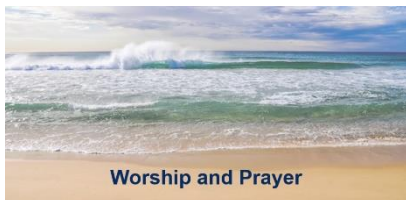
We will meet at church, 8.30am - 10.30am, for breakfast, worship, teaching and ministry. Dee will be speaking to us about "lessons learnt from hindsight".

There will be a donation basket to help cover breakfast (suggested donation £2 per person).

Please wear a mask as you come into the building and while you are collecting your drinks and breakfast, and then you can remove your mask when you are sat down. Thank-you.



Ruth is starting her **Sewing Bee Hub** tomorrow evening, for anyone interested in sharing patterns, ideas and projects. It will be at Ruth's house at 7.30pm, and will meet once a month. If you would like to join this hub, please sign up here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/groups/xvsvqbu9>
The next knitting hub will be on Monday 11th October, 7.30pm in the church centre.
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Friday Worship and Prayer - Katie and Steve will be running their Friday worship and prayer sessions on the second Friday of the month for the next few months. It will be at their house (26 East Cliff Road) from 8pm - 9pm for anyone who would like to spend some time seeking God. The first one will be on Friday 8th October. They are aware that some people would prefer to be on Zoom still, so they will be putting in a separate zoom session in the next couple of months.

Youth Minister job - our advert for our joint role for a youth minister for St. Matt's and a school's worker for High Hopes just has a week left to run. Please do share the advert from our Facebook page if you can or point people to our website for all the details. And please pray with us that the right person applies for this job.

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!

That's all for now!

I hope you have a good weekend.

Please be in touch if you need any help or support.



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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