

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 9th September 2021

I hope your week is going well and that you have settled back into routine if school is part of your life!

This term in our Sunday services, we are going to be looking at the book of James in the Bible, which has so much in it that we can apply to our everyday lives. Some of our house groups will also be focusing on James in their groups as well. You might want to have a read through the whole book before we start this Sunday, to get an overview of it all. It's only 5 chapters long so it's very manageable.

One of the verses in this week's passage that I really like is verse 5. In The Message version it says:

"If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help."
It's so simple isn't it. Just talk to Him and ask Him for guidance.

Notices



Tomorrow evening Katie and Steve are holding a **Friday worship and prayer evening** on zoom to talk through how to take this forwards. It would be great to be able to meet physically, but we are also aware that some of the regulars can only join on zoom. So if you are a regular or would like to be part of this going forwards, please do join us tomorrow at 8pm. Email office@stmattschurch.org.uk for the zoom link.

This Saturday **Revive for women** are going to be walking together and would love to see you there! Meet at Peshurst Place car park at 10am for varying lengths of walks. If you would like to come and haven't signed up, please sign up by the end of today using this

link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/jiuptbm7>

Please also put the next Revive breakfast in your diary - Saturday 2nd October in church. We will confirm timings and more details next week.



All our children's work starts up again from this Sunday.

- Glow (for school years R-2) and Bright (school years 3-6) will all be going up to the Bethel Hall together on Sunday. They will do some things together but will then split into their separate groups for part of the session. Please bring your children with you into church and they will go out after the first song.

- Deeper is our midweek group for school years 3-6, and this will be starting in church on Monday 20th September 3.30pm - 5pm.

- Matt's Monkeys toddler group for preschool children and their carers will start on Thursday 16th September 9.30am - 11am in church. If you would like to come to this, please book in using this link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/zlw7buv3>

Help needed - at the moment we are unable to run creche for any Sundays in a month consistently, so if you feel you could help with our preschool children, please let me know. It is a lovely little group to help in and is so appreciated by parents so they can have some time in church. There are about 5 children in this group in total, so probably only 3 or 4 per week. We also currently only have enough help to be able to run Glow and Bright for 2 Sundays in a month. If you have children in those groups and haven't yet offered to help, please consider if you

can. Or if you don't have children of that age but would like to be part of this group, we'd love to have you! It is great fun and Lois does all the planning and most of the leading, so it just about being there to help the children engage and do the activities.



Our youth will also be starting to meet again from this Sunday.

- Sundays will be a bit different this term as we will be running Youth Alpha at the Powney's house on Sunday mornings for all young people (school years 7-13). Ali will be heading up this group, and I still need to confirm some timings with her, so I will email parents and youth separately about this tomorrow.

- Ignite, our midweek group for all young people at secondary school, will start again on Tuesday 14th September in church, 6pm - 7.30pm. We are grateful to Berti from Youth For Christ, who will be running Ignite with Lois this term. I know there will be lots of games, some food and lots of fun!

Mission prayer meetings happen once a month to hear about and pray for our mission links. We have mission links with Pat Blanchard in Peru, Ruth Radley at Birmingham Children's Hospital, Life & Soul, Sozo in South Africa and Geita in Tanzania.

The mission prayer meetings are starting in person again as well as being on zoom, and they will be meeting on Wednesday 15th September 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If you would like to join, please email me for the zoom link or Mary's address.



Jane will be starting **knitting hub** again this term, on Monday evenings once a month and Saturday mornings once a month. The first one is Monday 13th September 7.30pm - 9pm and then Saturday 25th September 10.30am - 12pm. If you would like to come to either of these, please sign up on the Hubs page of the website or let me know. Everyone is welcome!

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Rosemary will be running this coffee morning outside her house (60 Newlands Road) on Monday 27th September 10am - 12pm. There will be drinks and cakes to buy, as well as stalls and a raffle. Please do support Rosemary and Macmillan, and please bring your own mug for your drink!



If you need any help or support at the moment, please do contact me in the church office (Chris and Carole are now on study leave so shouldn't be contacted).