

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 14th October 2021

I hope your week is going well.

This term we are going through the book of James in the Bible, and last week Izzie spoke to us about the inequality in our societies and what God thinks about inequality. It was a really challenging talk, so please do have a listen if you missed it <https://youtu.be/x2JcSuGAJRY>

Izzie challenged us to be aware of the things we are hearing, seeing, sharing, talking about and the prejudice in our lives and our relationships. We need examine ourselves and our judgments of others and remind ourselves that Jesus loves everyone. Let's try to see everyone around us as special and loved by God.

" My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism"
James 2:1
God treats us with mercy more than judgement, and we should try and treat people the same.

Notices

This Sunday - this Sunday we will be carrying on our James series, and we will have communion in our service at 10am. We only give the bread in communion currently, and the minister giving communion will have their mask on and sanitise their hands before giving out the bread. Please feel free to stay in your seat if you would rather not take communion.

There will be groups for children and youth this Sunday...

Youth Alpha at the Powney's house for anyone in secondary school

Bright and Glow start in church and then go up to the Bethel Hall, for anyone in primary school

The church centre will be set up for parents with preschool children to use.

Midweek youth and children's groups

These groups started off really small at the start of term, but are already building in numbers and relationships, which is great!

Deeper, for school years 3-6, is on Mondays at 3.30pm - 5pm in church

Ignite, for school years 7-13, is on Tuesdays at 6pm - 7.30pm in church, with a hot meal

Matt's Monkeys, for preschool children and their carers, is on Thursday mornings, 9.30am - 11am.

Please let Lois know if your children / young people would like to come to any of these groups, so we can make sure we cater for enough people!

Quiz night



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We are holding a quiz in church on Friday 19th November, 7.30pm - 10pm.

Get a team together, or just book individually and we'll make up the teams.

Tickets cost £10 which includes fish and chips (or sausage / gluten free fish) and soft drinks. You can bring any other drinks you might like with you!

The quiz will be suitable for secondary school age upwards.

Please book here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/pursbfsi>



Revive Wreath Making Evening

Revive for women will be holding an evening of wreath making on Friday 26th November.

There will be two sessions, so that we can have limited numbers at each session.

Tickets are £15 per person (aged 14+) and that includes everything you need to make your wreath and mulled wine and mince pies to get you in the Christmas mood!

Have a look at this link for all the details and to book your

tickets <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cj5npfst>

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At all events in church, including the quiz and the wreath making, we will be ensuring Covid safety measures are in place, like having doors open to help with ventilation, using hand sanitiser as people come in and bringing drinks and food to your tables to reduce the amount of people moving around. We will also be asking those who book tickets to do a lateral flow test before they come, and to stay at home if they have a positive result or if anyone in their house has Covid. Full refunds will be given in this event.

School forms - if you have children in year 6 and you are applying to Bennett or St. Greg's, the deadline for getting forms back to them is 31st October. This is the last Sunday in half term. Therefore please get in touch with me asap if you need forms signed, as I will be away for some of half term, so would like to get them done by the end of next week.

Please do be in touch with Lois or myself if you need any help or support at the moment.

Have a good weekend.