

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 7th October 2021



How are you this week?

It was so lovely on Sunday to celebrate Harvest, and to see all the amazing vegetables and produce in church!

We have bags of food to take over to Nourish Foodbank this week, so thank-you for that, and thank-you for your donations to Tearfund. If you would still like to donate to Tearfund, please do so before this Sunday, using this link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/fund/ope5413e>.

One thing that harvest reminds me is that when we sow seeds, we don't see the harvest for a long time, if ever. The farmer plants his seeds in spring but doesn't harvest until the autumn. And it's the same when we sow the seeds of God's love in other people - we may sometimes see an immediate reaction, but often we have no idea of the impact of our words or actions, or what God is doing in that person's life.

We can sow seeds in so many ways - through our conversations, through our friendship, through those kind acts that seem so small to us, by inviting people to church. Don't get disheartened because you don't see the outcome of these things - God is working through you to bring people to Him.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Notices



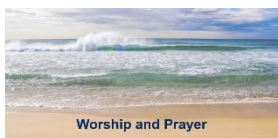
This Sunday we will be carrying on our series in James, and Izzie MacDougall will be coming to speak to us.

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

Youth Alpha will be happening at the Powneys' house for anyone in secondary school. They can go straight there, to be there by 10am and they finish about 11am.

Bright and Glow (for anyone in primary school) will start in church and will then go up to the Bethel Hall with Lois and other volunteers.

The church centre will be set up with toys and the service on the TV for any parents with preschool children, to be with their children in there. You are just as welcome to stay in the service with them as well!



Friday Worship and Prayer is on tomorrow evening 8pm - 9pm at the Powneys' house (26 East Cliff Road). Come and join them in seeking God and praying together.

They will be meeting once a month at their house, on the second Friday of the month.

There are a couple of hubs coming up...

Knitting Hub is next running on Monday 11th October, 7.30pm - 9pm in the church centre, and then on Saturday 23rd October, 10.30am - 12pm in the church centre.

Sewing Bee Hub is next meeting on Friday 5th November, at Ruth Dearlove's house.

Please chat to Jane or Ruth for more details on their hubs or email me in the office.



The next **Mission Prayer Meeting** is on Wednesday 13th October at 3.30pm at Mary's house and on Zoom. It's a chance to hear updates about our mission partners and pray for them, and everyone is welcome. Please email me in the office for Mary's address or the Zoom link.



Time to dust off your quizzing knowledge and get a team together!

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

Team Gabriel will be taking us through the rounds and there will be fish and chips half way through the evening.

Tickets are £10 per person, and any profit will go towards buying some new youth equipment for Ignite and Deeper.

We will be keeping numbers limited so we can stay Covid safe, so please buy your tickets online if you would like to come. If you want to bring your teenagers along to help you, then please do! (Secondary school age and upwards).

Book your tickets here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/pursbfsi>



It's time to mention the 'C' word! CHRISTMAS!!

Revive for women will be running a slightly different Christmas Event this year. We will be running wreath making sessions on Friday 26th November.

We will have 2 sessions, with limited numbers at each session, so we can spread out and have enough space. The first session will run from 6pm - 7.30pm and the second session will run from 8.15pm - 9.45pm, so you can choose which one suits you best.

The cost is £15 per person, which will include everything you need to make an amazing Christmas wreath, as well as mulled wine and mince pies!

We will have tables of 6 people, and you will stay on your table for the whole session.

Please book up early if you would like to come - you can buy your tickets here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cj5npfst>

School forms - don't forget to be in touch with me if you need Bennett or St. Greg's forms signed for your year 6 children. I won't be working all of half term, so please be in touch before then!

Community larder - the larder is running every Friday from 9.30am - 10.45am at the Bethel Hall. Please do come along if you would like some help with food costs, and to help reduce food waste. And do tell others about it who might benefit from this.

Lastly, just a reminder - please don't come to church events or services if you are unwell or if you or anyone in your house has Covid. I think we have done amazingly well so far at limiting any spread of illness through church, so thank you!

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