

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 11th November 2021

I hope you are well and that you are having a good week.

Today is Remembrance Day, so I thought it would be fitting to use the words of Remembrance that we will be saying on Sunday in our service, as we reflect today and over the next few days on all those who serve our country in the armed forces and who have lost their lives in doing so.

Let us remember before God:

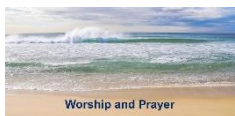
Those who have died for their country in war;
Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
And all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.
They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

Notices

This Sunday our 10am service will be a service of Remembrance. Chris and Carole are back in church this Sunday, so we look forward to seeing them.

We will have groups for our children during the service, so Lois will take all the primary school age children up to the Bethel Hall, and the church centre will be set out with toys for preschool children and their parents. Youth Alpha will also be meeting at the Powney's house during the service, and young people can go straight there for 10am.

We then have our **memorial service** at 5pm this Sunday, for anyone who has been bereaved and would like to come to a service of reflection and thanks for their loved ones.



Worship and Prayer

The next **Worship and Prayer Evening** is tomorrow at 8pm at the Powney's house for anyone who would like to spend some time seeking God and worshipping Him. Please let me know if you would like more details.



The **Community Larder Christmas Fayre** is on this Saturday between 10am and 12pm at the Bethel Hall. Please come along and support this fundraising effort and bring your friends and family too!



Our **quiz night** is next Friday! It's at 7.30pm in church with fish and chips (or an alternative) provided. The cost per person is £10 and we would love to see you there if you can come. Please do invite friends and family to come along with you. Please also do sign up even if you don't have a team at the moment. We will make sure everyone who signs up is put into teams

before the evening, so you can arrive and go straight to your team on the night.

We need to give Marinos our order soon, so please sign up by midnight on Sunday - bookings will close at that point! You can book your ticket here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/pursbfsi>



The **Revive Wreath Making Evening** is happening in 2 weeks' time! Having planned to have 2 sessions so that we could limit numbers in the building for each session, we have got to this point and only got about half a session filled. So, we have made the decision to just do one wreath making session, from 7.30pm - 9.30pm on 26th November. I have emailed everyone who has already booked to inform them of the change.

We do need to know numbers so that we can cater appropriately and collect the right amount of greenery, so bookings will close at midnight on Friday 19th November.

We will still be limiting spaces for the one session, so please do book now if you are planning to come - you can book your tickets here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cj5npfst>

Men's meet up - on the same evening as the wreath making for the ladies, Jess Fuller is inviting any men who would like to, to join him for a drink and a chat at Southborough Working Men's Club from 7pm (Friday 26th November).

Christmas Trees - Mark Gabriel will be selling Christmas trees again this year outside St. John's Church. All profits from the sale of the trees goes to charity, so do support him if you can. Trees will be on sale on Saturday 11th December from 9am.

Testimonies - do let us know if you have a testimony you would like to share in one of our services on a Sunday. It's so encouraging to hear other people's stories.

Do be in touch if you need any help or support.
Have a great weekend!