

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 18th November 2021



It was so good to see people at both our services on Sunday for Remembrance and memorial service.

It's good to take time to reflect and remember and give thanks for people who are gone from our lives.

This week we are returning to our series on James - it seems a long time ago now that we started James, so it will be good to finish the book over the next few weeks. This week Ali Tranter and our young people will be helping us to look at James 3.

You might want to read through James again this week, to remind yourself of what we have already covered and what is still to come. There is so much in there!

Notices

Youth and children this Sunday - there will be no youth Alpha this Sunday, as Ali would like the young people to come and be involved in the service in church.

Our children's groups will be running, so primary school children will start in church and then go up to the hall with Lois and other volunteers. The church centre will be set out with toys and the service on the TV for anyone with preschool children.

Christmas dates for your diary

I thought it would be useful to give you an overview of what's coming up so you can put some dates in your diaries - there will be more information coming out over the next few weeks, so keep your eyes and ears open!!

Friday 26th November 7.30pm - Revive Wreath Making Evening (booking needed)

Friday 26th November 7pm onwards - men's social at Southborough Working Men's Club

Saturday 27th November 10.30am - knitting hub in the church centre

Friday 3rd December 7.30pm - sewing bee hub at Ruth's house

Sunday 5th December - 8am communion service and 10am advent family service

Tuesday 7th December - possible Ignite ice skating trip (please let Lois know if your young person is interested)

Thursday 9th and 16th December 9.30am - Matt's Monkeys Christmas parties (booking needed)

Friday 10th December 8pm - worship and prayer evening at the Powney's house

Saturday 11th December 9am - Mark Gabriel selling Christmas trees at St. John's Church

Monday 13th December 3.30pm - Deeper / Bright / Glow Christmas party in church (book in with Lois)

Monday 13th December 7.30pm - knitting hub in church centre

Tuesday 14th December 6pm - Ignite Christmas party in church

Sunday 19th December 10am - nativity family service

Sunday 19th December 7pm - Christmas carol service (booking will be needed)

Christmas Eve 3.30pm and 5pm - Christingle services (booking will be needed)

Christmas Eve 11.15pm - Midnight communion in church

Christmas Day 10am - Family Christmas Celebration in church

Revive Wreath Making Evening - this is next Friday and we can't wait to see what amazing wreaths you make! We are now just running one session from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and booking closes tomorrow at midnight, so please book in if you want to come and haven't yet done so. It's £15 per person, but please talk to Carole or myself if this is a problem. All the details and tickets are here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cj5npfst>



Men's social meet up - on the same evening, Friday 26th November, Jess Fuller will be in Southborough Working Men's Club from 7pm and is inviting any men who would like to join him for a drink and a chat! You can just turn up on the night.

Can you nominate us?

Ecclesiastical Insurance are giving away 120 lots of £1000 to charities over December, and we would love a chance to win! The more nominations we get, the more likely we are to get £1000, and the church could really use that!

To nominate us, just click on the link below, then click the orange 'Nominate a charity now' button and enter your details (our charity number will already be there)

<https://movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=1185772&ct=church>

Amazon Smile

Also, don't forget you can raise money for the church every time you buy something on Amazon, by using Amazon Smile. If you use the Amazon app, just turn on Amazon Smile in the settings, or if you use the website, just go to Amazon Smile instead of Amazon. Why not save this web page for whenever you shop smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1185772-0

The website and app look exactly the same in Amazon Smile, so once you're set up you won't notice any difference!

Our charity number is 1185772. Thank-you!

If you need any help or support this week, or if you have a testimony you would like to share on a Sunday, do be in touch with us in the office.

We hope you have a great weekend, and we're looking forward to seeing some of you at the quiz tomorrow evening!