

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 25th March 2022



Hasn't it been great to have the sun all week! It makes me feel so much better.

This week I've been looking back over the last couple of years, as I've been putting together our annual report for the church covering 2021. This week also marked 2 years since we first went into lock down. As I was looking back, I found I couldn't really remember when exactly we'd been in lockdown or when church was open or closed. I also realised that it's only recently really that we have managed to get most groups and activities back up and running in person. It's good to reflect and remember how far we have come.

It also made me realise how amazing you have all been at volunteering and being part of the teams to be able to get things up and running again.

Back in September it was hard to see how we could get children's groups going, have coffee on a Sunday, and run youth activities.

And yet now we have children's and youth groups every Sunday and midweek, we have pretty full rotas for our Sunday services and we have started 5pm and 7pm again. The larder is still going strong and has a great team of volunteers who make it run week in, week out.

We're not back to normal yet, with people still having to drop out of things last minute due to illness, but it feels like the teams are in place to cope with that and support each other.

So we really just wanted to say thank-you, to all of you who volunteer and give up your valuable time to make all this happen. We have been so grateful for the way you have stepped back into roles or taken on new roles.

And we also want to recognise that we are not just volunteering for the sake of it, but because we want to show the love and the light of Jesus in our church and in our community.

Notices

Mothering Sunday Family Service - this Sunday we are all in church together at 10am to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We hope you can join us!

Seven - we also have our first 7pm service this Sunday evening, so please do come along to that if you would like to. It is a more relaxed, cafe style service, with worship and a short talk.

And don't forget that the clocks go forward this weekend!

Revive walks are tomorrow morning! It's looking like a lovely morning for walking and talking, so if you would still like to come and haven't signed up, please let me know today, so we don't leave without you! Meeting at Penshurst Place car park at 9.30am.

Electoral roll - just a reminder that if you would like to join the electoral roll of the church, please fill in a form and return it to me by 3rd April. The roll will then close until after the APCM on the 25th April.

There are forms at the back of church, or you can request one from the church office.

Hubs - next week Sewing Bee Hub and Knitting Hub are on.

Sewing Bee Hub is on Friday 1st April 7.30pm at Ruth's house.

Knitting Hub is on Saturday 2nd April 10.30am in the church centre.

Everyone is welcome, so let me know if you would like any more details.

Safeguarding training - if I emailed you about doing some safeguarding training, please can you try and do it by the first week of April. I've only had a few people who have completed it so far! Do let me know if you need any help with it.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!