

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 1st April 2022



I hope your week has been ok? Welcome to the school holidays if you have children at school or work in a school! We hope it is restful for you.

As we are coming up to Easter, I thought it would be good to remind ourselves why Jesus died on the cross for us.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17).

It's so easy to read well known verses like that and not really take them in, or to celebrate Easter and Christmas every year while taking for granted all that God has done for us.

God loved us and this world we live in so much, with all it's brokenness and mess, that he sent His most precious Son to die for us. And not just to die for the whole world, but for each of us individually. He thinks we are worth saving, however unworthy we might feel.

We had some of St. Matt's school in church this morning for a little Easter service, and it was so good to hear what they had been learning and hear Chris telling the story of the resurrection to them in very simple language. Sometimes it really helps to hear things in a different way.

So maybe as we come up to Easter this year, you might want to spend some time really reflecting on the crux of our faith or find something to listen to or watch with a different approach to the Easter story to help you see it in a fresh light.

Notices



Easter Services at St. Matt's...

We now have all the information about our Easter services on our Facebook page, on our website, and we have cards to give out as well. Please do share these and invite friends and family to come and join us for Easter.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewshighbrooms>

Palm Sunday (10th April)

- 10am family service with a baptism - in church and online
- 5pm service - in church

Maundy Thursday (14th April) - 8pm Tenebrae service in church

Good Friday (15th April) - 10am family worship in church and online

Easter Sunday (17th April) - 10am family celebration in church and online



This Sunday at St. Matt's...

This Sunday is a normal service with children's groups for all those in primary school. Chris and Carole will be speaking as we carry on our series on Ephesians.

There won't be a youth session this Sunday, as some of our leaders and youth are away, so we will start youth again after Easter.

This Sunday is also our **8am communion service**, so please do come along to that if you would like to.



Chris and Carole are inviting anyone who is retired or around during the day to have **tea and hot cross buns** at their house on Friday 8th April at 2pm.

Invitations have been given out, but even if you haven't had one, please let me know if you would like to come.

Electoral roll - don't forget, this Sunday is the closing date for joining the electoral roll before our annual church meeting, so please give your forms to Hannah on Sunday if you would like to join and aren't already on it.

Staff leave - Hannah will be on leave next week. Chris and Lois are both around. Lois will then be on leave the week after Easter.

We hope you have a good weekend.