

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 22nd April 2022



It was so great to see so many people in church for Easter last weekend, and to know that some of you were joining us online.

One of the songs that we sang over the weekend was 'Goodness of God'. The chorus says: "All my life you have been faithful, all my life you have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God."

It was so amazing to hear testimonies last weekend from some of our children. There is something so encouraging about hearing what God is doing in people's lives, and in seeing people's journey of faith.

That doesn't mean we make light of the hard times and the pain - as Chris shared on Discipleship the other day, we need to be real about our pain and the pain around us and support each other through it. It is sometimes really hard to see the goodness of God when we are in those dark times.

But how much more are those testimonies needed once we have come through the tough times and we can look back and see how God held onto us and helped us to grow.

Can you look back over your life and see where God has been faithful in the tough times? Can you share some of those stories to encourage others and support them in their pain and hardship right now?

Notices

This Sunday...

Our 10am service this Sunday is a normal service with groups for our children and young people. We will be heading towards the end of Ephesians, and Suzanne will be speaking to us. Children in primary school will be going up to the hall to play games. Young people will be meeting in the youth office with Natalie and Naomi.

This Sunday is also our 7pm service, with communion this week. Everyone is welcome to come along.

APCM...

Our annual church meeting takes place on Monday 25th April, at 8pm in church. Everyone is welcome to come and hear about church life over the last year, be updated about our finances as a church, and elect wardens and PCC members.

All the documents for the meeting (annual report with accounts, agenda and last year's minutes) are on the website here <https://www.stmattschurch.org.uk/2021/04/apcm-2022/>

Midweek groups...

All our midweek groups are back on next week, and Deeper and Ignite will welcome children and young people coming up to that age.

Deeper on Mondays at 3.30pm - is for anyone in years 3-6 but year 2s can now start coming this term to see if they like it.

Ignite on Tuesdays at 6pm - is for anyone in secondary school but year 6s can now start coming to try it out.

Matt's Monkeys is on Thursdays at 9.30am for anyone with preschool children.

We are still looking for people to help with the cooking at Ignite as we serve a hot meal each week. We have someone to do a couple of weeks a month, but if you could offer to come into church and cook something simple for the young people, please let me or Lois know.

Safeguarding Training...

If you volunteer for something in church, the likelihood is that you need to do some safeguarding training. This is something that the Church of England require and is all part of making our church a safe space for everyone.

If you still need to complete some training, I have sent you an email with all the details. Please can you complete this as soon as possible so that I don't have to keep chasing people! Thank you.

Flat to rent...

Does anyone know of a one-bedroomed flat to rent in Tunbridge Wells, for a single professional man? Please let me know if you are aware of anything available.

Have a lovely weekend.