

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 26th May 2022



I hope your week is going well.

You might be looking forward to half term next week if you have children in school or if you work in education. We can all look forward to some extra bank holidays for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as well!

Were you in church last Sunday or watched online? If you were, you will know that Linde was talking about spending time with God and growing closer to Him so that we can hear Him affirming us. Just like when Jesus was baptised and God said to him "This is my Son, whom I love. With Him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

God invites us to spend time with Him and says the same about each of us. He loves you and is pleased with you.

Linde showed a clip from the film *The Shack*, which I found really powerful, showing Mack meeting the 3 parts of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Have a watch if you can, and let God speak to you through it https://youtu.be/gHJwn_JEazA

We will be carrying on our Growing in Circles series this week, and looking more at what it means to be God's children.

Notices

This Sunday - we just have our 10am service this Sunday.

Youth will be meeting during the service in the youth office with Natalie.

Unfortunately we don't have any groups for primary school age children this Sunday, as we haven't got enough volunteers. So the children will be in the service, and there will be some activity booklets for them to do, and some bunting to decorate for the jubilee!

The church centre will have toys out for preschool children, who must be supervised by a parent or carer.

Next Sunday is our jubilee family service. Come and join us for lots of fun to celebrate the Queen and the life of service she has given to our country.

We also have our 8am communion service on 5th June - a short traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer.

Half term - it is half term next week so there won't be any midweek groups for children or youth. Deeper also won't be running on 6th June, as the school has an inset day.

Community Larder - the larder is running tomorrow and through half term, Fridays at 9.30am in the Bethel Hall. Tomorrow someone from Crosslight will be there to give advice on debt, budgeting and benefits, so if you or anyone you know could benefit from this, please come along.

And if you are able to donate some food to the larder, please bring things to church or to the Bethel Hall on a Thursday or Friday morning.

Knitting Hub is on this Saturday, 10.30am in the church centre for anyone who would like to join in with some knitting projects or learn to knit.

I hope you have a good weekend.