

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 17th June 2022

I hope you have been able to enjoy the sun this week!

Last week in our morning service, Mark talked to us about the Trinity and the Holy Spirit. He shared with us that the Holy Spirit is our advocate, He is personal, and He is permanent.

One thing that really stood out to me that Mark said, was that we take God with us wherever we go. It is easy to think that we are coming to church to meet God and be filled up, and there is a sense of that, but Mark said that we bring God with us when we come to church, as we have the Holy Spirit living in each one of us.

I love that idea that wherever we are going and whatever we are doing, God is going with us in the person of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He can be as present and as powerful in us wherever we are.

John 14:16-17 says, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.... But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

Notices



This Sunday...

This Sunday is Father's Day, so there will be something nice for the dads and men in the church! We just have our 10am service this Sunday. We will be going back into our Growing in Circles series, and we will be sharing communion together.

There will be groups for all our children and youth during the service, and the church centre will be set out for preschool children and their parents if needed.

Picnic in the Park...

We will be having a picnic together after the service on **Sunday 3rd July** - a great way to get to know people a bit better and have time to chat!

We will meet in Grosvenor and Hilbert Park from 12pm, on the lower football pitch. Bring your own lunch and something to sit on, and any outdoor games for children if you have them (games or children!).

You can park in Hilbert Road or in Dorking Road. Here is a map to show where we are meeting...



Donations for Nourish and the community larder...

If you would like to donate food to our community larder, you can bring donations to church any time, or put things in their crate in Lidl TW, or take things to the Bethel Hall on Thursday or Friday mornings.

They currently need cereals, pasta and pasta sauce, but anything is welcomed.

We also want to support Nourish Foodbank a couple of times a year, so we are going to do a collection on Sunday 3rd July. Please bring your donations to church on that Sunday, or in the week running up to that Sunday.

Their most wanted list is here...

We know that lots of people may not be able to give anything, as just feeding our own families is getting more expensive, but if you can give something it will be much appreciated.



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WE DESPERATELY NEED:

- LONGLIFE MILK
- CHILLI SAUCE/SWEET & SOUR SAUCE
- WASHING POWDER TABLETS
- BAKED BEANS
- PASTA
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- SPREADS - JAM, PEANUT BUTTER, MARMITE
- COFFEE
- BISCUITS
- TINNED PULSES
- TINNED FRUIT
- RICE PUDDING
- SOUP
- RICE PUDDING
- TOILETRIES
- NOODLES
- TEA & COFFEE
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED FISH
- DOG AND CAT FOOD
- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

Volunteering...

Church only runs because of the amazing volunteers we have, and we are so grateful to you all. We have steadily built up our volunteers teams again post Covid, and there are openings for all our teams in church, but the ones where help is most needed at the moment are:

- creche, so that we can get helpers to look after the pre-schoolers each Sunday, rather than parents needing to do it
- youth on Sundays - parents are on the rota for this, and this isn't ideal for teenagers, so some non-parent helpers would be great!
- Ignite on Tuesdays (6pm - 7.30pm) - we have enough volunteers to do the actual youth work, but we could still do with some help cooking food and being in the kitchen to serve and clear up, so the other volunteers can spend time with the young people.
- sound and visuals for church on Sunday mornings - full training will be given.

If you feel able to volunteer for any of these roles, either from now or from September, or on any other team in church, please come and talk to me.

Job vacancies at the hostel...

Colebrook Hostel in Tunbridge Wells is a 14 bed hostel providing support to single homeless people. We are currently recruiting for Bank Staff and Support Workers to cover week days and weekend shifts on a flexible basis. It is desirable but not essential that you have some experience of working with homeless people or an understanding of their support needs. Most importantly is your enthusiasm and availability to cover a range of shifts.

Please look at our website to apply for current vacancies www.lookahead.org.uk

Have a lovely weekend, and we hope to see you on Sunday.