

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 8th July 2022



I hope you have had a good week.

The Bible talks about God refining us and being like a silversmith who uses fire to burn off all the impurities. Malachi 3:3 says, "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

I was reading something this week that explained that the silversmith has to sit and watch the refining process carefully, because if it is left too long in the fire, the silver will be damaged. When we go through trials and tough times, God hasn't left us. He is with us and is watching the refining that is taking place. He wants the best for us and won't let us stay in the fire longer than we need to.

But there is something even more important about the refining process for silver. The silversmith knows when it is finished because he can see his own image reflected in the silver.

As we have been going through our Growing in Circles series, we have been thinking about becoming more like Jesus as we grow deeper in our relationship with him. We won't be fully refined and reflect the image of God completely until we get to heaven, but we can know that all through our lives, God is working to bring us closer to Him and to mould us into the person he wants us to be. It might be hard work, it might feel like we are in the fire a lot, but it will be worth it in the end!

Notices



This Sunday

10am - we are back with our Growing in Circles series this Sunday, and Matt will be talking to us about destiny leading to obedience.

All our children and youth groups will be on this Sunday.

5pm - Richard will be speaking at the 5pm service this Sunday, and leading communion. Everyone is welcome to this more traditional service, with tea and cake served from 4.30pm.

Dates for your diary...

This week all our midweek groups for children and youth finish, so here are some dates for the next few weeks.

Monday 11th July - Deeper party - last session of this term

Monday 11th July - Knitting Hub - last meeting of this term

Tuesday 12th July - Youth boating at Dunorlan Park - last session of this term

Thursday 14th July - toddler group at Grosvenor Park - last session of this term

Sunday 17th July - 10am service and 7pm service

Saturday 23rd July - Charis and Joe's wedding!

Tuesday 26th July - Rosemary's coffee morning

Sunday 7th August - BBQ after church in the vicarage garden



Request for an hour or two of weeding in the next 2 weeks...

Would anyone be able to spare an hour or two to do some weeding around church before Charis and Joe's wedding on 23rd July? There are quite a lot of weeds in the main entrance steps, and along the wall on the pavement around the church.

Please let me know if you can help with this.

Charis and Joe's wedding - can you make some cakes?



As you know Charis and Joe are getting married on the 23rd July at St. Matt's, which you are all invited to. It would be so lovely to share the day and celebrations with you all.

Would anyone be able to help make some cakes for after the service refreshments?

If so please let the church office know and bring your cakes to church on Friday 22nd July before 6pm.

Thanks, Carole.



Richard Foot was running in the Bewl 15 race on 3rd July in aid of Open Doors, which supports persecuted Christians in well over 50 countries.

Can you sponsor him? Any amounts, small or large, will help our Christian family who suffer for their faith. Thank you if you can donate, either online or otherwise!

You can find his Stewardship donation page at:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/richardfoot>



New Wine Online...

New Wine United is a Christian festival / conference that some of us are going to in a couple of weeks. If you aren't going this year, the main morning and evening gatherings will be online, so you don't have to miss out (and you don't have to camp!!).

There is a cost (£40 per household) - have a look here for all the information [New Wine Online](#)

I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!