

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 23rd September 2022



I hope you have had a good week.

Yesterday morning, I was walking to work and praying - but it was those kinds of prayers where you don't really know what to pray for because you don't know what the right outcome is or how to get there. So really, I was worrying but telling God about it!!

As I was walking up Yew Tree Road, a hot air balloon came into sight, flying quite low across in front of me. It was beautiful to watch, as it floated across the houses, and I felt like God was really speaking to me through it.

He was reminding me that when you are in the middle of a situation, whether that is stressful, or traumatic, or full of grief, it is very hard to see a way out. But God has the bird's eye view. He sees the big picture. And more than that, we don't have to worry if we don't know what to pray for, because He does know the right path and the right outcome, and the Holy Spirit can help us to pray.

So I realised I just needed to give the situation to God and try to trust that He has it in hand and knows how it will turn out. Easier said than done sometimes, I know.

Isaiah 55 is a chapter all about seeking God and coming to Him when we are thirsty, and verses 8 and 9 say,

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Notices



Giles and Elaine's wedding is tomorrow at 1pm here in church. Please keep them in your prayers as they finish the last bits of organising and as they enjoy their special day tomorrow.



This Sunday...

10am - our morning service will have groups for our children and youth. We also have our 7pm service this Sunday - cafe style and smaller, with more worship.

Harvest and shared lunch

Next Sunday (2nd October) will be our harvest family service. We will be collecting food donations for Nourish Foodbank and financial donations will go to Tearfund.

Here is the latest wish-list for Nourish donations [Nourish wishlist.docx](#)



We will also be having a **bring and share lunch** after the service on that Sunday. If you would like to stay for lunch, please can you sign up here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/uaykuca8> or sign up on the paper form at the back of church on Sunday.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Come and join Rosemary and her team on Tuesday 27th September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be drinks and cakes to buy, as well as a raffle and tombola and other stalls. Join us in church between 10.30am and 1pm.



Hubs coming up...

Knitting Hub is next on Saturday 1st October, at a slightly different time of 10am - 11.30am in the church centre.

Sewing Bee Hub is happening on Friday 7th October 7.30pm at Ruth's house.

The service of thanksgiving for William Harper is on Tuesday 4th October at 2pm in church. Dee has asked people to wear 'happy colourful' clothes, as the service is a celebration of William's life.

Dee would also like to invite you to join the family for light refreshments following the service at Crowborough Rugby Football Club from 4-6pm.

The address is Green Lane, Steel Cross, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 2XB. Parking is available within the club grounds.

I hope you have a good weekend.