

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 13th January 2023



I hope you've had a good week.

This week I was reminded of the awesomeness of Jesus being made flesh. We've just celebrated Christmas, when we think of Jesus being born as a baby, God becoming human to live among us on earth.

But have a look at the passage in John 1:1-4...

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

The Word is Jesus. The same Jesus who was born as a baby into our world was present with God at creation. In fact, Jesus is the word through which everything was made.

I know we all know that in our heads, but it is amazing when you stop to think about it a bit more.

That the same God who brought the world into being, is the same God who became a baby, and is the same God that lives in us and works through us.

You might want to keep that as something to ponder and meditate on this week.

Notices



This Sunday...

We just have our 10am service this Sunday, with children and youth groups during the service.

We have one group for primary school age children at the hall, and then anyone in secondary school meets in the youth office. (There may be some adjustment for year 6, but we will let you know on Sunday!).



This week...

All our children and youth groups are back up and running this week:

Monday - Deeper for school years 3-6

Tuesday - Ignite for young people in secondary school

Thursday - baby and toddler group



Mission Prayer Meeting...

Our monthly mission prayer meeting is this Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm at Mary's house and on Zoom. Let me know if you need more details about joining. It's a great chance to hear updates from our mission partners and to pray for them all.

Can you help?

We are so grateful to everyone who volunteers in any area of church life - nothing could happen without you!

As you can imagine, we are looking at all our rotas at the start of the new year, to see where there are gaps that need filling.

At the moment, these are the areas where we need more volunteers to be able to keep running what we do:

- Sunday morning children's group for primary school age children - at least 2 more people
- Deeper on Mondays 3.30pm - 5pm for school years 3-6 - at least one more person
- Baby and Toddler group on Thursdays 9.30am - 11am - 1 more person would be helpful
- Ignite on Tuesdays 6pm - 7.30pm - someone to help in the kitchen serving and clearing up
- Sound and visual teams during the 10am services could both use at least one more person on each team
- Coffee - one more person to do coffee once a month on the 1st Sunday of the month

Our expectation is for people to serve once a month on a team, unless you would like to help more often.

If you can help with any of the above, please do speak to Chris or I as soon as you can.

Parent support groups

Crossways are running some parent support groups for parents of children and teens facing mental health challenges. Have a look here for more

information <https://crosswayscommunity.org.uk/how-we-can-help/reboot-mental-health-awareness/>

Don't forget the warm space is open every Wednesday 10am - 4pm in the church centre, and the community larder is open every Friday 9.30am - 10.45am in the Bethel Hall.

We hope you have a good weekend.