

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 10th March 2023



I hope you have had a good week, despite the cold, wet weather that is nothing like the spring that we need!

My week started off a bit crazy and stressful, but looking back over it I can see God's hand in the things I was doing.

It feels like it's been one of those weeks where I haven't stopped to pray at all (which after my email last week, isn't very good!), where I've just kept going and it all kind of turns out ok in the end!

On Monday morning I was late into work for family reasons and Chris was unwell, so there was no-one in the office until I got there at 10am. The things I was doing before coming into work could have taken a lot longer - it just worked out that I was able to get to work for 10. When I got there, someone else arrived at exactly the same time, and I remembered that we had someone using the church centre that morning for a meeting, booked for 10am. I had forgotten all about it until that point, but I happened to get there in time to open up for them and get them all drinks. Now you could look at that and say it was a lucky coincidence. However I think it was God looking out for me on that crazy morning, letting me know he still had my back. And there have been other times this week where things have just worked out, or the timing has been just right.

As I said earlier, I don't feel like I've prayed at all this week or looked at anything spiritual. But it is so reassuring that, even in those times where we get too busy to pray, or just forget to look to God, He doesn't stop looking out for us and looking after us. It's good to look back and to recognise those God moments for what they are, so that we can know His presence with us.

As the song Good Good Father says,
"He knows just what we need before we say a word.
You're a good good Father..."

Notices



This Sunday...

We have two services this Sunday - 10am and 5pm.

In the morning, Mark will be speaking to us in our 'Walking with Jesus' series. There will be groups for our children and young people during the service.

The 5pm service is more traditional with liturgy and hymns on the organ. Come at 4.30pm for tea and cake before the service.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday, so we will be having a family service and Linde will be speaking to us. There will be things for the children to do during the service, and flowers to give to our mums and the women in our lives.



Lent prayer meetings...

This Tuesday (14th March) is the first of our Lent prayer meetings. We will be meeting at Chris and Carole's house (72 Powdermill Lane) at 8pm to pray together. Everyone is welcome.

The next one will be on Tuesday 28th March, and we will then aim to have regular prayer meetings after Easter, probably once a month.



Knitting Hub...

is on Monday evening (13th March) in the church centre, from 7.30pm - 9pm.

Life & Soul Youthwork are looking for a new trustee.

Life & Soul is a local charity that works in most of the primary and secondary schools in and around Tunbridge Wells supporting children and young people with their mental health. The board of trustees meets four times a year (Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11.30am) and is responsible for strategic and financial oversight of the charity. There are also opportunities to meet the team and see the work that they do.

They are particularly looking for people with a background of working with or supporting children and young people.

If you would like more information then please check out the website www.lifeandsoul.org.uk or email sarahf@lifeandsoul.org.uk

If you need any support or help during the week, please contact Chris and I in the church office. Have a good weekend.