

## St. Matt's Midweek Update – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023



I hope you've had a good week.

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church and the day when the Holy Spirit came on the disciples as promised by Jesus when he went up to heaven.

We often think of the Holy Spirit as the part of the Trinity that gives us power, but there are lots of other ways the Holy Spirit can help us as well.

The Bible says that the Holy Spirit is a teacher and a prompter (John 14:26)

He is our helper (John 14:16)

He is given to us by the Father (Luke 11:13)

He will guide us into truth (John 16:13)

He helps us to pray and intercedes for us (Romans 8:26)

He gives us freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17)

He helps the fruits of the Spirit to grow in us (Galatians 5:22)

He gives us power to tell people about Jesus and to do the things that Jesus did on earth (Acts 1:8)

So when we sing or pray "Come Holy Spirit", we are asking for more than power. We are blessed with someone living in us and working through us who can be our comforter and friend, and who can help us on every step of our Christian journey.

### Notices

Next week I will be off for some of the week, so these notices are for two weeks.

**This Sunday** we have our 10am service and 7pm service.

There will be groups for children and youth in the morning, and we will be thinking about Pentecost in both our services.

**Next Sunday** is the first Sunday of the month, so we will have our 8am communion service, and then a family service at 10am.

**Knitting Hub** is on tomorrow morning (Saturday 27th May) at 10.30am - 12pm in the church centre, for anyone who would like to learn how to knit or join in some projects.

**Walking Hub** is happening again next Saturday 3rd June. This month they will be meeting at Penshurst Place (TN11 8DG) and walking from there. Meet at 9.30am in front of the Porcupine Pantry cafe on the far side of the main car park. If anyone needs a lift, please contact Hannah or Chris and they can let Phil and Jill know.

**Revive Breakfast for women** is on Saturday 10th June, 8.30am - 10.30am in church. Isobel Broadie is going to be speaking to us - 'Taste and see that the Lord is good.'

We will have breakfast, some worship, a talk and some time for prayer and ministry at the end.

If you are thinking of coming to this breakfast, please could you sign up using this

link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/hiu8seeq>

It will just help us to get an idea of numbers to cater for and any dietary requirements.

**Monthly prayer meetings** - we will be starting monthly prayer meetings in June. They will be on the 1st Monday of the month, at 8pm in the church centre, for anyone who would like to come along and pray for our world and for our church.

The first meeting is on **Monday 5th June**. We have had to move the July one, due to dates of other meetings, so the July prayer meeting will be on 17th July.

**Children and youth groups** won't be meeting next week as it is half term. Deeper is also off on 5th June, as there is an inset day at a few primary schools.

After this half term break, we are inviting year 2s to start coming to Deeper if they would like to, and year 6s to start Ignite.

Ignite will be having a BBQ on Tuesday 6th June in Chris and Carole's garden as the first one back after half term, so anyone in year 6 or secondary school can come to that. Parents will get an email with a sign-up link in.

Deeper will be back on Monday 12th June for anyone in year 2 - 6.

Toddler group is back on Thursday 8th June for preschool children and their parents / carers.

**The community hub and the community larder** are open as usual through half term.

The hub is open on Wednesdays 11am - 3pm in the church centre, and the larder is open on Fridays 9.30am - 10.45am in the Bethel Hall.

## Job opportunities



Youth For Christ are offering a full-time trainee role which would include college studies, or some part time hours for a more experienced youth worker.

KCC is looking for a school crossing patrol person for St. Matthew's School, for 7.5 hours a week in term time. Have a look here for more information <https://recruitmenthub.solutions/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=7877>

If you need any support or help during the week, please be in touch with Chris ([chris@stmattschurch.org.uk](mailto:chris@stmattschurch.org.uk)).

Have a lovely weekend.