

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 16th May 2025



How are you? I hope you have had a good week.

Please keep in your prayers those young people doing exams at the moment - GCSEs and A-levels, and SATS this week for year 6.

Last Sunday Mark introduced our new sermon series on Joseph. He gave us a bit of background about Joseph's family and where they had come from.

Joseph was Abraham's great grandson. We know that Abraham was told by God that he would be the father of many nations, and God made a covenant with Abraham, that his family would be God's chosen people and He would lead them to the promised land.

Joseph is only 3 generations on from that covenant, but already in this chosen family we have seen a lack of trust, taking matters of having children into their own hands, lies, incest, banishment, deception, stealing blessings and more! They were far from perfect.

And yet we see that God still meets with them, He still blesses them and works through them. They are still God's chosen people, even though they get it wrong over and over again.

What a relief this is for us! We can go to the Bible thinking all the people God used over history must have been good and holy, but they are not at all! They are just like us, and like all humans before and after us. We all get things wrong, we all mess up, but God can still use us and we are still chosen by God.

As it says in 1 Peter 2:9:

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Notices



This Sunday (18th May) we have our 10am service with groups for children and youth. We will be sharing communion together in the service, and Anthony Hammill will be speaking and leading communion for us. The Bible passage is Genesis 37:12-36.

Next Sunday (25th May) we have our 10am service and I will be speaking on the next part of Joseph's story.

What's happening this week:

All our usual groups are on this week - Deeper, Ignite, the hub, toddler group, the larder.

We also have:

Mission Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 21st May 3.30pm at Mary's house

Knitting Hub - Saturday 24th May 10.30am - 12pm in the church centre

The following week is half term, so everything will have a break except the larder.

I will be on leave for the half term week.

Save the date - church BBQ and activities at Adamswell - Sunday 6th July



This year we won't be able to use the vicarage garden for a church BBQ, so we are planning to have a BBQ lunch and afternoon of activities at Adamswell in Langton Green. There is lots of space, and Brian will make some of the scout activities available for us to use. There is also the potential for an afternoon walk if someone would like to lead that for anyone interested. We will have more information coming soon but save the date!



This summer some of us from St. Matt's are going to New Wine.

New Wine is a festival with worship, teaching, lots of time to spend with your church, fun activities, lots for children and youth.

There is still time to book, so if you are interested go

to <https://www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now>

Community Cafe at Milward House

Milward House Christian care home are starting a cafe for Christians who care for someone with dementia or have dementia and are being cared for at home.

It is on Monday 30th June at 10.30am.

Here is the flier with more information

PILGRIMS' FRIEND SOCIETY

The Milward House Community Café

Friendship & Support for Christians who are cared for, or providing care at home

Monday 30th June 2025

10:30-11:30am

Contact Milward House to register interest
twwc.milwardhouse@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk

Milward House
 6 Madeira Park, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5SZ
 0300 303 1460

Job opportunities

Rochester Diocese have got a few different job vacancies at the moment - Racial Justice Officer, DAC Administrator, Safeguarding Support Assistant.

All the details are here <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/xdb/vacancies>

Please be in touch with me in the office if you need anything.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Sunday.

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