

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 13th June 2025



How are you?

I hope you are doing well, but if you do need some support at the moment, please do reach out.

This week I have been trying to listen to the Lectio 365 app in the mornings, and it has been all about the first followers of Jesus and the early church in Acts 2:42-47. This follows on from Pentecost in the Bible.

If you read this short passage in Acts, it tells us what was important to the early church, and therefore I think what should be important to us as church now.

There are 4 things they devoted themselves to - teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread (communion) and praying.

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. This is a great time to be thinking about who we are as a church, and I was reminded as we prayed that we need to be preparing ourselves as a church for the future, as much as we are asking God to prepare a new vicar for us.

Church is not the building or the vicar (although these things are good!), but church is us, the people of God.

So let's be reminded this week about what is important to us as a church, and maybe to seeing growth in the future. Let's meet together to hear teaching from the Bible and to share in communion together, let's invest in friendships and support and care for each other, and let's keep on praying - for our world, for our church, and for each other.

This is the yielding prayer from today's Lectio...

"Jesus, will you renew in me the expectation that you are still the miracle-working, life-shaping, freedom-giving God of Scripture? Show me how to follow you, expecting awe and wonder today." Amen

Notices



This Sunday (15th June) we have our main 10am service with groups for children and young people. We will be sharing communion together and we will also be celebrating Father's day. Richard Arding will be speaking to us on the next chapter of Joseph from Genesis 42:1-38.

Next Sunday (22nd June) we also have our main 10am service with groups for children and young people, and Liz will be speaking to us.

Church lunch and afternoon at Adamswell - Sunday 6th July



We are going to get together for a BBQ lunch and afternoon of activities at Adamswell in Langton Green on 6th July after church. Activities will include a bouncy castle, archery, axe throwing, rounders, walks - or you might prefer just to chill and chat to people! We will provide the meat and rolls for the BBQ and some drinks, for a suggested donation of £2.50 per person. If you can bring a salad or a pudding that would be great.

I have now set up a sign up link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/kkeoe2br> and there will be a sign up sheet at the back of church. Please do sign up if you are going to come, so that we can cater for the right amount of people.

If you would like to lead a walk on that afternoon, or if you would be able to help with the BBQ or give anyone a lift, please do let me know. Please also bring camping chairs or picnic rugs to sit on.



A few dates coming up to put in your diaries...

Mission prayer meeting - Wed 18th June 3.30pm at Mary's house and on Zoom
 Knitting Hub - Sat 21st June 10.30am in the church centre
 Adamswell lunch and afternoon - Sun 6th July
 Additional needs training for youth and children's volunteers - Mon 7th July 7pm in the church centre
 Prayer breakfast - Sun 13th July 8.30am - 9.30am in the church centre

All our normal groups and activities are running next week.

Just a reminder that current year 2s can now start coming to Deeper on Mondays after school, and current years 6s can now start coming to Ignite on Tuesday evenings.



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



Petition to make High Brooms Station more accessible

Our local MP, Mike Martin, has launched a petition to get the funding to make High Brooms Station accessible for all.

To sign the petition, click here <https://mike-martin.co.uk/high-brooms-upgrade>

We'd love to see you on Sunday as we share communion together and celebrate our dads! If you need any help or support, please be in touch.

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