

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 11th September 2025



I hope you have had a good week.

This term we are going to be looking at prayer in our morning services, and specifically at the Lord's Prayer.

We can find this in Matthew 6:9-13. Jesus says,
"This, then, is how you should pray:
'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'"

This is such a familiar prayer to most of us, but it is so important as it shows us God's will and His heart for what He wants us to be praying for.

Over this term we will break down the prayer into lines and focus on what each part can teach us about prayer and about our relationship with God.

Ultimately, prayer is all about being in relationship with our Father in heaven and learning to communicate with Him and get to know Him more. We don't just want to know *about* God; we want to *know* God and we do that by listening to Him and talking to Him.

Paul says in Philippians 3, "I want to know Christ...". Let's make that our goal as we meet together each week and as we strive to learn how to pray better.

Notices



This Sunday (14th September) we have two services:

10am - we will have groups for our children and young people, and we will be starting a new sermon series about prayer. Mark will be speaking to us from Luke 11:1-4.

5pm - our more traditional service with hymns on the organ and more liturgy.

Next Sunday (21st September) we just have our 10am service and we will be sharing communion together. Retired vicar Sheila Perkins will be speaking to us and leading communion. There will be groups for our children and young people.



As we start this new term and now have all the rotas up and running, there are a couple of **teams we have space on:**

Coffee team for Sunday mornings - we could do with two new people to do one Sunday a month, making and serving drinks before and after the service.

Deeper - this is our group for children in school years 3-6. We are running by me helping several times a month, so if we could grow the team I could step back from this a bit! It runs from 3.30pm - 5pm every Monday in term time.

Please do let me know if you would like to join either of these teams.



Autumn coffee morning - Rosemary and her team are holding their next coffee morning on Tuesday 16th September 10.30am - 12pm in the church centre.

There will be cakes, toiletries and gifts for sale, as well as a raffle, with proceeds going to Crosslight Debt Advice.



Our harvest service this year will be on Sunday 5th October and we will be having a **bring and share lunch** after the service.

You can sign up for the lunch either on the sheet at the back of church or using this

link <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/cxhk2tlx>

We will be having someone from Tearfund coming to share about their work during our service, and we will let you know over the next couple of weeks about giving food or money.



Some other dates for your diary coming up:

Mission prayer meeting - Wednesday 17th Sept 3.30pm

Leadership Team meeting - Monday 22nd Sept

Knitting Hub - Saturday 27th Sept 10am

PCC meeting - Monday 6th October

Prayer meeting - Thursday 16th October 8pm

Save the date - Quiz night - Friday 14th November in the evening

Save the date - Women's Christmas Craft Evening - Friday 5th December



Can you nominate us to win £1000?

Please could you nominate St. Matt's Church so we have a chance to win £1000? You just go to this link <https://movementforgood.com/> and put in our charity number 1185772.

Thank you!



<p>INTER-CHURCH QUIZ</p>	<p><i>11 October 2025</i> The Wells Church Hanover Rd, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1EY Doors open at 6.30pm</p>
<p>Gather a team of upto 8 people from your church</p>	<p>£17.50 per person includes a hot meal</p>
<p>Book your team in by emailing Polly: pollyjjoyce@gmail.com</p>	<p>Tunbridge Wells YOUTH FOR CHRIST</p>

Worship 24/7 Network Event

The first Worship 24/7 Network event in Tunbridge Wells is launching this month.

Come and join with others from different denominations across the town to worship our Lord Jesus together.

Saturday 20th September from 1-5pm at Church of Christ, on Commercial road, (off Camden road) in Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2RR.

All ages are welcome! Come as you are anytime between 1-5pm on the 20th September, and together let's sing praises to our Lord!

COME ALONG FOR OUR
MACMILLAN COFFEE AND
TEA MORNING

FRIDAY 26TH
SEPTEMBER

SOUTHBOROUGH
UNITY HALL CIVIC
CENTRE

TIME: 9AM-2PM



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Job opportunities at the Diocese of Rochester

Executive Assistant to the Archdeacon of Rochester

Children and Young People Mission and Ministry Adviser (21hrs per week, 5 year fixed term contract)

All the information is here <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/vacancies>

We hope to see you on Sunday at one of our services.

Please do let me know if you need any help or support.

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