

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 17th October 2025



I hope you have had a good week.

Last Sunday Matt talked about the greatness of God, and how we can see and feel that in creation around us. Have a listen to his talk on [You Tube](#) if you missed it.

I was thinking more about this and about that feeling when you get a sense of the wonder and enormity of God through creation. Matt talked about seeing a sky full of stars, or driving into hills and mountains and seeing the beauty of God there. I think you get the same feeling when you are standing on a beach and see the wide ocean before you, or when you go to a new country and see new landscapes and scenery. Or even when you fly in a plane and see the earth spread out below you.

Breath taking scenery and huge landscapes show us a glimpse of God. The beauty of creation can give us a taste of what God is like and his love for us.

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands."
Psalm 19:1

And yet it is so easy to become immune to these feelings, especially when we live somewhere or see something regularly. When I first moved to Uganda everything was different and exciting and awe inspiring. But once I had lived there for a while, it all just became normal and I took much of it for granted.

And it can be the same in our relationship with God. God is so much greater and more holy and more loving than we can ever imagine. We should be falling face down in awe and wonder whenever we get a glimpse of God and how much He loves us. And yet often we take Him for granted. We forget who He is as we come to Him in prayer. We limit Him and put Him in a human shaped box.

So this week, as we pray "Hallowed be Your name", let's ask God to reignite in us that sense of awe and wonder at who He is. Let's see things afresh, and give ourselves time to appreciate the glory of God and all that He has created.

Notices



This Sunday (19th October) we have our 10am service and we will be sharing communion together. There will be groups for our children and young people. Richard will be speaking to us on the line from the Lord's Prayer "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven".

Next Sunday (26th October) we just have our 10am service and there will be groups for our children and young people.



Thank you to everyone who joined us in prayer last night.
Our next prayer meeting is on **Sunday 16th November 8.30am - 9.30am** in the church centre, over a simple breakfast. Please come and join us if you can.



Come and join us for a fun night of quizzing!

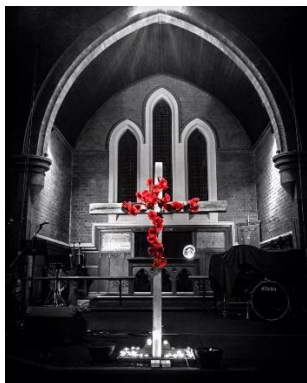
We are holding a quiz night on **Friday 14th November 7.30pm - 10pm in church.**

Gather your friends, family, neighbours, colleagues and make up a team to come and join in! You can enter as a team of up to 8 people, and the quiz is for anyone aged 14+.

There is something for everyone so don't worry if you are not into serious quizzes! This one will be fun and accessible for us all.

Tickets are £5 per person. We will provide some soft drinks so bring any other drinks you would like and some snacks for the evening.

You can buy your tickets here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/osgcitdd>



Remembrance Sunday and Memorial service

Remembrance Sunday is in a few weeks' time on 9th November. We will have an act of Remembrance in our morning service.

We also hold a Memorial service at 5pm on that day, for anyone who has been bereaved and who would like some space to remember and give thanks for their loved ones.

Christmas Craft Event

Ladies, please save the date for the Christmas Craft Event!

This will be happening on Friday 5th December in the evening, and I will be getting advertising and tickets on sale next week. Another great event to invite friends and family to!

Half term next week

Next week is half term so all our midweek groups and activities will have a break for the week.

The Community Larder will still be open next Friday at the usual time of 9.30am - 10.45am.

Knitting Hub is also meeting on Saturday 25th October in the church centre, from 10am - 12pm.

I will be working on Monday and Tuesday next week, and then taking the rest of the week off.

Please be in touch with Brian or David for any emergencies while I am off

- wardens@stmattschurch.org.uk or brian@stmattschurch.org.uk

I hope you have a good weekend and a restful half term if that applies to you!
See you on Sunday.