

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 27th November 2025



Don't worry, it's only Thursday!! Just trying to get ahead this week as we're decorating the church tomorrow.

Can you believe, this Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent!

So I thought I would just share a couple of advent resources with you that I have come across, in case you would like to use them as we head towards Christmas.

Daily devotions based on the advent hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' - from the Church of England, these can be bought as a booklet or used online with the Everyday Faith app. Find out more here <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/advent-o-come-emmanuel#na>

Tearfund also have some email reflections through advent that you can sign up to here <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/advent>

You may know of others - I'm sure the Lectio365 app will be focusing on advent through December. Let me know if there are others worth sharing or put them on the Discipleship Facebook page.

Notices



This Sunday (30th November) we just have our main 10am service. Mark will be finishing off our series on our Lord's Prayer - 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil' and the Bible passage is Psalm 23. We will have groups for our children and young people during the service.

Next Sunday (7th December) is the first Sunday of the month, so we have our 8am communion service as well as our 10am advent family service.

Community Larder Christmas Fair - this Saturday 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Please do support the larder team by going to the fair on Saturday.

If you have anything else to donate to the fair, please drop it straight to the Bethel Hall tomorrow morning.



Our Christmas Craft Event for ladies is next week!

Friday 5th December 7.30pm - 9.45pm.

There are still tickets left and it would be great to have more people coming along, so spread the word and invite people, or buy tickets for yourself.

Tickets are £12 per person (ladies aged 14+) and you can buy them here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/jxkedsv3>

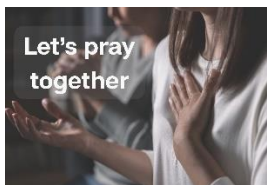


Men's Night - Friday 5th December, from 6.30pm until it gets too cold in Kevin's woodland garden.

Kevin is opening up his garden to create a bit of festive joy and socialising while others are at the craft event in church. The plan is to have some mulled wine, sausages and burgers on the fire, and the urn will be on for those who prefer a tea / coffee. Bring a beer or two if you'd like to.

Bring wellies / walking boots and dress for the weather!

Please sign up using this link so we have an idea of numbers <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/8pugdbii>



Our next prayer meeting is on **Wednesday 10th December** at 8pm in the church centre.

It's such a busy time of year, but we really want to make time to pray for our future vicar and also to pray for all our Christmas services and all those who will come through our doors this year.

Youth For Christ Christmas Fundraiser

TW YFC are running a fundraiser this Christmas for their work across the town. There are different 'gifts' you can buy to support the work they do or you can sign up to make a monthly donation.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Give a gift to change a young person's life

<p>£5 EACH</p>	<p>£10 EACH</p>	<p>£25 PER SESSION</p>
<p>£40 covers core costs for a Christian Union in a local school</p>	<p>£100 buys bread for The Youth Centre each month</p>	<p>£200 covers core costs for a Unite Youth event.</p>

One-off gifts or monthly donations

<https://tunbridgewellls.yfc.co.uk/christmas-gifts>

Choir event raising money for St. Matt's Community Larder



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

 **Soul Train Choir**

& Friends

WEDNESDAY 17TH DEC @ 7.30PM
ST LUKES CHURCH

Fundraising for



Entry Fee (on door):
Adults £8 Kids £5

All proceeds to charity

Raffle & Bar

For more info please contact:
info@soultrainchoir.com
Donna 0781 593 7631

I think that's all for now!

Please do be in touch if you need any help or support at the moment.

Hope to see you on Sunday.