

# St. Matt's Midweek Update – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026



I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine and the feeling of spring this week!

Spring is a great time to focus on God's creation and wonder at all that He has made. When you start to think about how nature works, without much help from us, you can't help but praise God. When you think about the earth spinning in space and how that creates the seasons, it is amazing! There have been some clear starry skies this week, and looking up at the stars makes you realise the hugeness of God and what He has created.

Creation helps us to see the beauty and magnificence of God, and it brings us to a place of gratitude and praise if we really take it all in.

Psalm 33:6-7 says,  
"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.  
He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;  
he puts the deep into storehouses."

As we continue through Lent and head towards Easter, maybe we can use creation to help us meet with God and remind us of His love, His power and His faithfulness to us.

## Notices



**This Sunday (22nd March)** we just have our main 10am service and Anthony Hammill will be speaking to us and leading communion for us. We will be continuing our Journey to the Cross series, focusing on Jesus' arrest in the garden (Matthew 26:36-56). There will be groups for our children and youth this Sunday and next Sunday.

**Next Sunday (29th March)** we also just have our main 10am service, and Liz will be speaking to us about Jesus' trial and Peter's denial.

## Easter at St. Matt's Church

The following weekend is Easter, so here is an overview of our Easter services:



Maundy Thursday (2nd April) - Tenebrae service led by Jane Edwards - 8pm in church and online  
Good Friday Family Service (3rd April) - 10am in church and online  
Easter Sunday 8am communion (5th April) - 8am communion service led by Richard Arding in church  
Easter Sunday Family Celebration (5th April) - 10am in church and online, with talk and communion led by Sheila Perkins

There are some Easter flyers at the back of church if you would like to invite anyone along to our services, and our advert is now on Facebook and Instagram, so please share this if you can.

## Tea and hot cross buns - Friday 27th March 2pm - 3.30pm

Rosemary has kindly offered to organise tea and hot cross buns for those in our congregation who are retired or who are around on a Friday afternoon and would like to come along. This will be in the church centre on 27th March, and is a chance to just get together and have a chat and some hot cross buns!

Most people this is relevant to should have had an invitation, but do come along if you are free.



## Some other dates for your diary over the next couple of weeks:



**Knitting Hub** - Saturday 28th March 10am in the church centre

**School Easter service** in church - Monday 30th March - please pray for St. Matt's School as they come down to church for this service, and for Mike as he speaks to them.

**All our midweek groups** will carry on right up to Maundy Thursday, and will then have 2 weeks off after Easter.

**Community Larder** - will be opening on Saturday 4th April at the usual time instead of Good Friday.

## Electoral Roll and PCC

This year our APCM (annual meeting) will be on Sunday 12th April during our morning service. This Sunday (22nd March) is the last day to join the electoral roll before it closes for the APCM. If you signed a form last year, then you are already on the roll.

If you would like to join the electoral roll, there are some paper forms at the back of church, or you can use this online form <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/-/forms/gpuczfft>

The APCM is also the meeting where people can stand for and be voted onto the PCC (Parochial Church Council). The number of elected members on the PCC is determined by the number of people on the electoral roll, and we can currently have 9 elected members. PCC members serve for 3 years, so 7 of our current PCC members are carrying on, leaving us with 2 vacancies, which anyone on the electoral roll can stand for. The two current PCC members whose 3 year term is ending are willing to stand for re-election this year.

We can also have 2 Deanery Synod reps on the PCC. These people are voted onto Deanery Synod (which covers the local area of Tunbridge Wells and brings CofE churches together for meetings 3 times a year) but are then also automatically on the PCC. One of our current reps is happy to stand for re-election, and we have one vacancy. Please have a chat to Mary if you are interested in joining the Deanery Synod.



**Unlock Walk** - Every year some of our congregation take part in the Unlock Walk in London, to raise money for urban churches. The walk this year is on **Saturday 18th April** and will be around the areas of Kilburn and Hampstead. If you are interested in joining the walk, please talk to Liz.

**Youth For Christ run The Noise** every Easter for anyone in school years 6-13.

The Noise is a chance for young people to give up their time to serve a Tunbridge Wells community and show God's love through practical projects such as litter picking, gardening and running children's clubs, as well as learning more about God's heart for mission.

**The Noise is on 15th - 17th April at St. James' Church** in TW. Each day runs from 10am-6pm and lunch is provided. It is free to attend.

You can sign up for one, two or three days

here <https://www.madapps.uk/twyouth4christ/p26937.html>

**the noise**  
God's Love in Action  
1 John 3:18

**15th - 17th April 2026, 10am - 6pm**  
**St James' Church, T Wells.**

Free event for school years 6 - 13. Lunch provided.

Sign up to get involved in serving the local community and having fun together.

[madapps.uk/twyouth4christ/](https://www.madapps.uk/twyouth4christ/)

There are also two **holiday clubs** running in the Easter holidays for those in primary school. Christ Church TW are running Kingdom Builders from 13th-16th April in the mornings. You can book in here <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MTA1My0xMDA/t> New Life Church in Southborough are running their Easter Holiday Club from 8th-10th April in the mornings. You can book in here <https://newlifechurchonline.co.uk/easter-holiday-club/>