

# St. Matt's Midweek Update – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026



I hope you have had a good week.

It was so lovely to have Sheila with us on Easter Sunday, and I loved that she focused on Mary Magdalene being the one who first got to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday.

Some of the other gospels say that there were other women with Mary Magdalene, but all the gospels say that it was women who first got to the tomb and who were first given the message that Jesus was alive.

Mary Magdalene, with her sinful past, was trusted with the greatest message ever, "Christ is risen, he is alive!"

And not only that, but Jesus chose a woman to be the first person he appeared to in person after he had risen. What a privilege and a blessing!

In a patriarchal society, Jesus chose to show his risen self to women first. He chose them to be the ones to take the good news to the other disciples.

Jesus turned the culture upside down and showed that he values all people and wants to use everyone. Jesus treated women with respect and love and honour.

'Thinking he was the gardener, Mary said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).'

John 20:15-16

## Notices

**This Sunday (12th April) we have services at 10am and 5pm.**



**Our 10am service** will be our APCM (annual meeting) but it will still feel like a service, with updates on the last year and looking forward to what is ahead. There will be groups for our children and young people during the service.

You can find the documents for the meeting (Trustees Report with accounts and last years minutes)

here <https://www.stmattschurch.org.uk/2026/03/apcm-2026/>

**Our 5pm service** this week is a communion service with Richard Arding. Tea and cake is served from 4.30pm.

**Next Sunday (19th April)** we just have our 10am service. We will be sharing communion together and there will be groups for our children and young people.

## Midweek groups and activities

Next week is still the Easter holidays, so most of our groups won't be meeting.

There are a couple of things still happening though:

**Mission Prayer Meeting** - Wed 15th April 3.30pm at Mary's house

**Community Larder** - every Friday 9.30am - 10.45am at the Bethel Hall

The rest of our midweek groups will all restart when schools go back, in the week beginning 20th April.

**Our next prayer meeting** will be on Thursday 30th April at 8pm in the church centre.

There is so much to pray for in the world at the moment, as well as praying for Rob and his family as they prepare to start at St. Matt's. Do join us if you can.





**Unlock Walk** - this sponsored walk, to raise money for urban churches, is next **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 this weekend and pick up a sponsor form from the back of church. Please also sponsor those who are doing the walk if you are able to.



Every year, some of our congregation go to **New Wine Festival** in Somerset. This year New Wine is from 28th July - 2nd August. It is a week of camping, friendship, worship, time with God, lots of fun, and much more! If you want to find out more, come and talk to me or anyone who has been before. You can book for this year at <https://www.festival.new-wine.org/>



I'm going to be on leave next week, so if you need any help or support, please contact Brian ([brian@stmattschurch.org.uk](mailto:brian@stmattschurch.org.uk)) or leave an answerphone message on the church number and it will be picked up.

Hope to see you on Sunday.

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