

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 8th May 2026



I hope you've had a good week.

This week has been short but busy, so I'm just going to leave you with a verse for today, and lots of notices!!

The verse for today on the Bible app is 1 Corinthians 3:7:

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

It's a good reminder that the fruit in people's lives isn't reliant on us - it is God who is doing his work, often unseen to us. But we are still called to be God's church in High Brooms - He still wants us to be fellow workers with Him (1Cor 3:9), but to trust Him with the seeds we sow and water.

Hi from Chris and Carole

I had a nice chat to Chris on the phone yesterday, and he and Carole send their love to you all. They are loving their new life down in Dorset and are both well.

They have kept their communication to church as a whole to a minimum to allow us to move forward and to look to the future, but they are always happy to hear from people individually and would love to see anyone who is down their way!

Notices



This Sunday (10th May) we have two services at 10am and 5pm..

In our 10am service, Dedo will be speaking to us about Naomi and Ruth. The Bible reading is Ruth 1:8-18. We will have groups for our children and young people.

Our 5pm service is more traditional and Trevor will be leading this for us.

Next Sunday (17th May) we just have our 10am service.

This will be a communion service and Anthony is coming to speak and lead communion for us.

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/>



The next Youth For Christ Unite event is TODAY at 5.30pm - 8pm at The Wells Church.

This is for anyone in school years 6-13 and some of our young people go each month.

You can book in here <https://www.madapps.uk/twyouth4christ/p20047.html>



Tunbridge Wells
YOUTH FOR CHRIST

26 Mile Sponsored Walk
between Rochester Cathedral and Bessels Green Baptist Church (nr Sevenoaks)

WHY???
because we are about seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus through:
The Youth Centre
school Christian Unions and Alpha courses
Unite Youth events and Satellites trip
and all this costs! We are seeing an increase in curiosity from the young people and we want to grow our staff team to reach more young people in 2026.
Please sponsor the walking team via
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/twyfcwalk2026>

Walk 2026

TW Youth For Christ Sponsored Walk

The staff and trustees at Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ are walking 26 miles from Rochester Cathedral to Bessels' Green Baptist Church (their newest church link) on Saturday 30th May.

They are seeing an increase in interest in the Christian faith from the young people in the town and are wanting to increase their work in the local schools and with local churches in response to this. However, this will cost more! Please consider sponsoring YFC as they do this walk. Every penny really helps them in their mission to see young people's lives changed by Jesus.

Here is the link to

donate <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/twyfcwalk2026>

Clothing Donations for Crowborough Camp

Asylum seekers at Crowborough Camp are moved on every 90 days, so there is a constant need for clothing. Donations are being collected from churches in partnership with Care4Calais, and you can help by bringing items to our church.

Items currently needed:

Men's casual clothing in good condition (jeans, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirts, jumpers)

Men's shoes and coats

Please note:

We are not accepting smart clothing at this time

Underwear, socks, and pyjamas must be new and in unopened packs

If you're able to help, please bring your donations to church, and we will arrange for them to be collected. Thank you so much for your support.



Churches for Tunbridge Wells

Joint Prayer Gathering
Churches for Tunbridge Wells

8pm
Sunday 24th May 2026
New Life Church, Tunbridge Wells

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Churches for TW Joint Prayer Gathering

You are invited to join with Christians from across Tunbridge Wells for worship, praise and prayer on Sunday 24th May, 6pm at New Life Church, Tunbridge Wells.

If you need any help or support at the moment, please be in touch with me in the office. I hope you have a lovely weekend - see you on Sunday!