

St. Matt's News – 18th September 2026



I hope you have had a good week.

I've been out of the office for a couple of days this week on a first aid course, so I'm just giving you the notices today, as I'm catching up with myself!

Notices

Family services survey - last two days to fill it in

Last chance to fill out our survey before it closes on Sunday! It is asking for your views and ideas about family services at St. Matt's. The anonymous survey is open until 20th September, and you can fill it in here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCp5GNpgvE9ckrBqE7ORB9KRwYnUQp1EhgB05wbrJr8BnsBQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

This Sunday (20th September) we just have our 10am service.



There will be groups for children and youth, and we will be sharing communion together. Rob will be speaking in our Keys to the Kingdom series, about Freedom. The Bible passage is Ephesians 6:10-18.

Next Sunday (27th September) we also just have our 10am service.

There will be groups for children and youth, and Suzanne will be speaking to us.

The following Sunday will be our October family service, which is Harvest.



Any financial donations on this Sunday will go to Tearfund, and we will also be collecting food items for our Community Larder. Here are the items they currently need:

Pasta and pasta sauces

Cereal

Any tins - sweetcorn, tomatoes, beans (baked or kidney), soup, potatoes, chick peas, tuna, tinned fruit or custard etc

Tea bags

The Quiz Night is a week away, on Friday 25th September, 7.30pm - 10pm.

If you know you are coming but haven't bought your ticket yet, please do that this weekend!

Tickets are £5 per person and you can buy your ticket here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/uivz25yo> or find me after church to book your place.

You can enter as a team (maximum 8 people please) or as an individual and we will add you to a team (the quiz is for anyone aged 14+).

We will provide soft drinks - feel free to bring any drinks of your own choice and snacks for the evening.





Prayer meetings this term

Don't forget our prayer meeting on Thursday next week - we would love you to join us to pray if you can.

Thursday 24th September 8pm - 9pm in the church centre

Love Joy Peace course



On Sunday evenings during October, Rob will be leading a five-week course on Christian spirituality called Love Joy Peace. The course equips us to develop the spiritual fruits of the Christian life - love, joy, peace and more - through prayer, reflection and guided meditation.

Booking is free, but we ask those who want to sign up to commit to attending at least four out of the five sessions. The sessions will be in church from Sunday 4th October to Sunday 1st November from 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start until 9pm.

You can sign up to the course here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/bg9uf1v3> or let Rob or I know that you would like to join.

Growing Hope for children with additional needs

Growing Hope is a new Christian charity aimed at supporting local children with additional needs and their families in Tunbridge Wells.

They will be hosting a special event at the Wells Church on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm to provide an opportunity to hear the vision, meet the team, and explore how local churches and local Christians might be involved. They are also currently looking for a Trustee, a Clinic Volunteer, a Fundraiser, admin support and more.

There are some flyers at the back of church about the info evening.

Growing HOPE Tunbridge Wells 7:30PM TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER THE WELLS CHURCH HANOVER ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS growinghope.org.uk/tunbridge-wells	Be part of something that brings hope! Come and hear how Growing Hope Tunbridge Wells will support local children with additional needs and their families. Hear the vision, meet the team, and explore how you can make a difference. For more details or to book in please scan the QR code. 	INFO EVENING
registered charity number: 1216634		



New Wine Festival - Early bird pricing

Next summer, some of our church family will be going to New Wine Festival in Somerset. It's a week of camping, worshipping, spending time together and with God, and having lots of fun! The early bird price finishes on 30th September, so if you want to get tickets as cheap as you can, then have a look here <https://new-wine.org/events/festival27/festivaltickets/>

Please do be in touch with Rob or I if you need any help or support at the moment. We hope to see you on Sunday morning at church.

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