St. Matt's News – 13th November 2026

I hope you have had a good week.

God gives us so many promises in the Bible, and it's fairly easy to remember and trust in those promises when things are going well.

He promises that he is with us and will never leave us, that he will give us peace and hope and joy. He promises to uphold us and protect us, and that he will guide us and lead us. He promises to give us rest when we lean on him, and to renew our strength.

But what about when things are hard, or life is painful? Have we got a strong enough faith to know that God's promises are still true, and that he is still there for us.

We serve a faithful God - but it's not always easy to trust in those promises when we can't see what God is doing or when we feel like life is overwhelming us.

And yet, God doesn't change - his word is true, whether we feel like we can trust in it or not. Sometimes when we can't see or feel God and what he is doing, we have to just know in our heads and our hearts that all his promises are still true for us. And we can encourage each other in that too, reminding each other of those promises when life is tough.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!" **– Lamentations 3:22-23**

Notices



This Sunday (15th November) we just have our 10am service.
There will be groups for our children and youth during the service and we will be sharing communion together. This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday and Brian will be speaking about our security in God. The Bible passage is Mark 10:13-16.

Next Sunday (22nd November) we also just have our 10am service.
Matt will be speaking to us about Christ the King, and we will have groups for our children and youth.

A few dates for your diaries this month...
Mon 16th November 6pm - next choir rehearsal for the carol service
Wednesdays 12pm - midweek communion service with refreshments / lunch afterwards
Wednesday 18th November 3.30pm - Mission prayer meeting at Mary's house
Thursday 26th November 8pm - prayer meeting in the church centre
Saturday 28th November 10am - Knitting hub in the church centre



The Community Larder Christmas Event is on Saturday 28th November

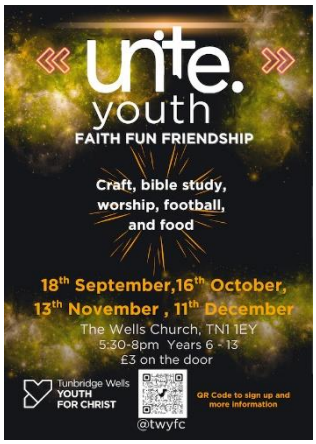


10.30am - 12.30pm at the Bethel Hall.
There will be a pavement BBQ, raffle, tombolas, bric a brac, cosmetic and cake stalls, refreshments, and live music.
Please do go along and support the larder team on the morning. They also need your donations of any bottles and chocolate for the tombolas, and cakes for the cake stall. Please let Liz or Jan know if you can bake anything. You can bring donations in and leave them at the back of church on Sundays.



Ladies Christmas Craft Event - Friday 4th December 7.30pm in church
Ladies, come and try your hand at making some Christmas crafts & decorations, with mulled wine and Christmas nibbles, and Christmas music playing throughout the evening.
It's a lovely start to the Christmas season, so get your friends together and come along!
There will be enough time to make 4 different crafts in the evening, and you can take home whatever you make.
Tickets are £12 per person - which includes refreshments and anything you make.
This event is for women aged 14 and over.
You can buy your tickets here https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/8soagbsh

Unite Youth is happening TODAY, 13th November, 5.30pm - 8pm at The Wells Church. They will have their usual fun and games, food and craft as well as guests from Rock UK Carroty Wood who will share about their year out scheme. Lesley will be speaking on Prayer and young people will be welcome to join the worship team if they would like to to.
Please sign your young people here if they would like to go https://forms.gle/dFGQjiCixmfZuyLj9
They will also have some little Christmas gifts and Christmas Cookie bags on sale this month so young people might want to bring a little extra money along if they want to get something for their family or friends.
Any adults who volunteer with our own youth groups at St. Matt's are welcome to go along too, to support our young people!





The **Growing Hope Tunbridge Wells clinic** is officially opening this November, and will welcome and serve local children and young people with additional needs, and their families. Join them to celebrate the opening on **Wednesday 18th November at 7:30pm at The Wells Church, Tunbridge Wells**.
This opening may be of particular interest to church members who work in schools, GP surgeries, or healthcare settings, as they can help connect families in need with our services. We also warmly welcome anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about what we do.

Please do be in touch with Rob or myself in the office if you need any help or support.

We hope to see you on Sunday.