St. Matt's News – 19th November 2026

How has your week been?

I've just got a little prayer to leave with you today.
I've really liked the opening prayer each day on the Lectio 365 morning devotionals this week, and I think it's a good prayer to start our days with...

"Father, you are working out good where all I see is pain;
Help me perceive your goodness today.
Jesus, you are kind in my unfinished stories;
Help me believe your kindness today.
Spirit, you are making all things new;
Help me receive your renewal today."
Amen

Notices



This Sunday (22nd November) we just have our 10am service.
There will be groups for our children and youth during the service.
Rob will be speaking about Christ the King, and the Bible passage is Matthew 25:31-46.

Next Sunday (29th November) we also just have our 10am service.
This is the first Sunday in Advent, and Suzanne will be speaking to us.
There will be groups for our children and youth.



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 this Sunday.

Ladies Christmas Craft Event - Friday 4th December 7.30pm in church
This is only 2 weeks away, so do buy your tickets if you are planning to come! Why not invite some friends or family to come with you.
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





A few dates for your diaries this month...
Wednesdays 12pm - midweek communion service with refreshments / lunch afterwards
Thursday 26th November 8pm - prayer meeting in the church centre
Saturday 28th November 10am - Knitting hub in the church centre
Monday 30th November 6pm - next choir rehearsal for the carol service (no rehearsal on 23rd Nov)



Christmas services and events this year!
Carols at the Brick Works pub - Saturday 12th December 6pm - Rob has arranged for us to lead some carol singing at the pub! They will have mulled wine and mince pies available, and we'll sing some well known carols and invite people to our other services. Please do come along if you can.
Kenward Trust carol service - Tuesday 15th December 2pm in church - we are holding a carol service for the Kenward Trust residents and staff, and we'd love to have some church people come along as well, to show our support and to boost the carol singing!
Christmas Nativity - Sunday 20th December 10am - a scratch nativity service where everyone who wants to can get involved in dressing up and acting.
Christmas Carols - Sunday 20th December 7pm - our more traditional carol service with a choir, the organ and handbells.
Christingle - Christmas Eve 4pm
Midnight Communion - Christmas Eve 11.15pm
Christmas Family Celebration - Christmas Day 10am

We will hopefully have our Christmas flyers and publicity ready to share next week - watch this space!

Please do reach out if you need any help or support this week.
We hope to see you on Sunday.