# St. Matt's News – 26th November 2026

I hope you are having a good week.

This Sunday is Advent Sunday, which means it is only 4 weeks until Christmas!

This time of year can feel so busy, and yet the season of advent is about waiting. Waiting with expectation for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. Waiting gives a sense of calm and quiet, and yet that is so often the opposite of what advent feels like in our world today.

It's lovely to do all the festive things that make this season special - but let's also not lose sight of who we are waiting for, and make time to focus on Jesus each day.

You might want to use an advent devotional, like the Lectio 365 app or Tearfund's Advent Journey. Or you could read a chapter of Luke every day in December up to Christmas Eve.

I pray that you would be able to find some peace and calm this advent, to focus on Jesus and to grow closer to him as we wait for his return.

## Notices




**This Sunday (29th November) we just have our 10am service.**
There will be groups for our children and youth during the service.
It is Advent Sunday, and Suzanne will be speaking from Luke 1:26-38.

**Next Sunday (6th December) we have two services at 8am and 10am**
Our 8am service is the Book of Common Prayer communion service.
At 10am we will have a family service and Brian will be speaking to us.

**The Community Larder Christmas Event is this Saturday,** 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 go along and support the larder team on Saturday.







**Ladies Christmas Craft Event - Friday 4th December 7.30pm in church**
**This is next week,** 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




**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 on offer, 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

Our Christmas publicity is coming out this weekend. Do share the posts from our Facebook and Instagram pages (https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewshighbrooms and https://www.instagram.com/stmatthewshighbrooms/)

We are also hoping to put our flyers through most doors in the parish if we can! Brian will be delivering them with his magazines, but there will be more roads to deliver to. If you are able to take a bundle when they are ready, and post through all the houses in a road or two, we would really appreciate it.

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