

Next week's Services:

8am	Holy Communion	Chris Wicks
10am	Family Service & Baptism	Jon Carroll
5pm	Unity in Prayer	Trevor Long
7pm	Nehemiah: A redeemed community	Jon Carroll

Midweek Activities:

M	8.00pm Prayer Meeting	T	10.00am Matt's Monkeys
T	11.00am Community Lunch	F	8.30am Breakfast Café
W		S	10.00am Lone Parent Group 3.00pm Wedding of Jason Hall & Carrie Haywood

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NOTICES & NEWS

31st August 2014

Welcome to St Matt's. We hope you enjoy being with us today. Our church is informal and family-friendly, and we serve tea and coffee at the back of the church throughout the service, except during Prayer.

Today's Services:

10am	Family Service & Baptism	Karen Hickson-Smith
5pm	Unpalatable Truth	Chris Wicks
7pm	NO SERVICE	

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Forthcoming Events

Sunday 7th September

One of our old church family members, Rev **Dave Green**, is running a Vision Day at one of his churches in Kings Hill and is needing some helpers on Sunday 7th September.

Helpers for the Children & Young people team and some for the welcome team / teas, coffees are needed, please. We have always been so blessed in people supporting us in our Church Weekend Away, it would be wonderful to be able to support another church. Help would be from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

If you can help, or would like to know more, please see Karen Hickson-Smith. Thank you.

THE KENT SPONSORED RIDE + STRIDE WILL TAKE PLACE ON 13TH SEPT. 2014

The Friends of Kent Churches sponsored bike and walking around local churches last year raised a sum of £130,612. Half of the money came back to the sponsored church for church maintenance and the other half went for the upkeep for maintenance of churches in need.

If you would like to take part in this ride or stride around our local church or to man our church open to see the walkers and riders on 13th Sept. then obtain a sponsor form from Gordon Blanchard. (Tel: 540504)

Date for your diary

Pat Blanchard (our Mission Partner who works in Lima, Peru with CMS) will be at St Matts on **Sunday 21st September** for Afternoon Tea through to the Evening Service. Please do save the date so that you could pop in at some point. We would love to show her lots of support so it would be great if there could be a really good crowd. We're going to have a gorgeous tea and we'll make sure it's all-age friendly!

Sam Daly is running the '**Dirty Destroyer**' race at the Hop Farm on 29th September which is an 18km run with a variety of assaults to complete along the way. He is raising money for 'Miles 2 Smiles', a daycare nursery in Uganda that takes in local children & gives them somewhere safe to stay. If you would like to help support them or more information please contact him on: sam-j-d@hotmail.co.uk. Thanks!

Iraq

Thank you to everyone who brought cakes & candles from the Cheesman family to raise money for the Iraqi Christians. The total raised was £97.78 which Richard will round up to £100 and send to the charity concerned. Many thanks for your support.

Open Garden at Bishopscourt

24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS on **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September. 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm**
Part of the **National Gardens Scheme**.

There will be teas, amazing homemade cakes, and a plant stall, entry £3.00, children free. The NGS supports a range of care based charities, for more details see the website www.ngs.org.uk. For more information please contact Bridget Langstaff: 07816 828439 or email: bridget.langstaff@btinternet.com

Friendly Footie

If anyone who is sporty in our Church whatever their age, St Stephens Church Football, Tonbridge, have a friendly (it's not friendly!) football kick about at Hayesbrook School on Sunday 14th September from 2:30-4:30pm

Please contact Ryan on ryan.romano@ststephenstonbridge.org for more details.

Noticesheet

In an effort to save paper and printing ink, it is planned to put the weekly noticesheet on the website shortly for people to view and download if they want a hard copy. Some printouts will still be available for those without computers.

Jubilee Hope Ship

Arrived safely in Kisumu on Wednesday 27th August. It just has to be re-assembled and re-floated now! We pray it will be a blessing to those living in the area & praise God for its safe arrival.