

Next week's Services:

10am	Family Service with Nativity	Claire Steven
5pm	NO SERVICE	
7pm	Candlelit Carols	Chris Wicks

Midweek Activities:

M		Th	10.00am Matts Monkeys 7.00pm Choir Practice
T	11.00am Community Lunch ?Choir Rehearsal	F	8.30am Breakfast Café ?Choir Rehearsal
W	3.45pm Deeper Christmas Party 6.00pm Ignite	S	

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NOTICES & NEWS

14th December 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	Being a Witness	Karen Hickson Smith
5pm	Immanuel	Jon Carroll
7pm	Immanuel	Jon Carroll

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Forthcoming Events

Nativity Rehearsal

Each year, we have a Family Nativity Service. This year, it takes place on Sunday 21st December at 10am. If you would like your child to take part in the Nativity, please come along to a rehearsal on **Thursday 18th December, 4pm-5pm at the Church**. Do see Jon Carroll for more details.

WAKE ME UP BEFORE YOU GO GO Yes, we are doing outreach once again on Barnett's Wood to let people know about our Christmas services at St Matt's and also a Good News Newspaper full of testimonies and other inspirational Christian stories, plus maybe some chocolate. So if you would like to GO GO we would be delighted if you could join us (we usually go out in pairs during a couple of daylight hours).

If you would like to do some front line stuff, who knows what will happen. If by the remote chance you will not be able to join us, please pray that God will go before, with us and after us to nurture the seeds we plant. Please see Richard or Trevor for more details.

31st December—Hug-Many, 8.00pm, The Pantiles

The Pantiles Bandstand Event Company is organising a family-friendly event (based along the lines of "Jazz on the Pantiles") in order to welcome in the New Year and raise money for Hospice in the Weald and the Pickering Drop-in Cancer Centre. Bands, Christmas stalls and midnight fireworks. Entrance charges: Children free, Adults, suggested contribution of £6/head. If you can help man the entrances or sell raffle tickets, please contact Jeremy Stirling on 01892 862725 or email him on jrmystring@aol.com.

5th January 2015—New Year, new vision

Following Steve Morris' talk in November about what visions God has given us, on Monday 5th January, we shall be gathering to pray for the future direction and vision of St Matt's. As doors are closing on some of our activities, what doors might be opening for us to serve our community? Do come along and pray with us as we seek God's guidance for this year and our future.

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion (Southborough & High Brooms Branch) would like to thank the congregation of St Matt's for donating £111.29 via the Poppy Box recently. This is in addition to the monies donated at our Remembrance Services. The total raised in our District was £4,237.10.

Christmas Offering

Please note that any cash offerings taken at the Nativity Service and the Candlelit Carol Service on Sunday 21st December will go to the Sozo Foundation in Cape Town, South Africa to help build its first youth education centre. The first £30k for this was raised at New Wine 2013.

The Larraman Family

Anne & April have sent Christmas cards to folk here at St Matt's. They are at the back so if any of you knew the Larramans, please take a look as there may well be a card for you.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Remaining rehearsal dates are:
Tuesday 16th Dec 7pm ?
Thurs 18th Dec 7pm.
Fri 19th Dec 7pm?

Holidays are coming ...

Please note that the Church office will be closed from Christmas Eve until Friday 2nd January. If you have any notices for next week's news-sheet, please get them to Clare C by Friday 19th December. Thank you.

Traidcraft Stall

is running today. Last chance to stock up with Fairtrade goodies before Christmas!