

### Next week's Services:

10am	Family Service	Chris Wicks
5pm	NO SERVICE	
7pm	NO SERVICE	

### Midweek Activities:

<b>M</b>		<b>T</b> 2 5	10.00am Family Service
<b>T</b>		<b>F</b>	
<b>W</b> <b>24</b>	4pm Christingle Service 11.15pm Midnight Communion	<b>S</b> 3	10.00 am Family Service

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## NOTICES & NEWS

**21st & 28th 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	Family Service with Nativity	Claire Steven
5pm	NO SERVICE	
7pm	Candlelit Carols	Chris Wicks

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## Forthcoming Events

### 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 [jrmysting@aol.com](mailto:jrmysting@aol.com).

### Saturday 3rd January 2015—Lone Parent Group

The Lone Parent Group will be meeting on Saturday 3rd January in the Church Centre from 10am.

### Tuesday 6th January 2015—New Year, new vision (new date!)

Following Steve Morris' talk in November about what visions God has given us, on Tuesday 6th 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. ***This is a different date from that advertised last week as Jon and Claire are not back until Tuesday 6th.***

### 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 after Steve Morris' inspirational talk.

### Holidays are coming ...

Please note that the Church office will be closed from now until Monday 5th January. **In emergency only**, Chris can be reached on 01892 529098. Jon & Claire will be on holiday from Boxing Day /Christmas Eve respectively until Monday 5th January. Clare C is on local leave until then, too.



### Christmas Cards

Anne & April Larraman as well as other people have sent Christmas cards to folk here at St Matt's. They are at the back so please take a look as there may well be a card for you.

If anyone is able to wash the tablecloths from the Church Centre over the holidays, it would be massively appreciated! They are in the Church Office if anyone feels lead. Thank you so much.

### Eating Disorder Course

Cheryl Rowe from New Life Church will be running a Tastelife Course for people with eating disorders starting on Monday 19 January at the Gatehouse, Camden Centre. Please call her on 07757084885 to find out more. Flyers are at the back.

The Staff & Leadership Teams at St Matt's wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.