

Next week's Services:

10am	Lessons from Nature	Jon Carroll
5pm	Beginnings	Matt Taylor
7pm	Parables of Grace	TBC

Midweek Activities:

M	Chris—On Leave Claire S—On Leave Jon—Away	Th	Chris—On Leave Jon—Away
T	10.30 Coffee Morning in Church Centre Chris—On Leave Claire S—On Leave Jon—Away	F	8.30am Breakfast Café Chris—On Leave Jon—Away
W	Chris—On Leave Claire S—On Leave Jon—Away 8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Laurence, Bidborough	S	

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NOTICES & NEWS

15th February 2015

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	Part of God's Household	Dedo Rampe
5pm	The Transfiguration	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	Parables of Grace	Jon Carroll

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 24th February—Lent Course starts.

We will be meeting at church on six Tuesday evenings during Lent to follow **‘the possible world’**, a new CMS course. The course looks at vital issues such as injustice, suffering, consumer culture, hospitality and the environment to discover how we can live out our faith in Jesus and bring real hope to our communities and to the world. We will be meeting at church from 7.45 for 8pm with coffee, tea & cake; then after beginning with worship, we will follow the session together including opportunities for discussion and prayer. It should be a great way to journey in our faith together during Lent, so book the dates in your diary now! They are **24th February and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March.**

Friday 27th February—Quiz Night

There will be a Quiz Night at St Matt's, starting at 7pm with a fish & chip supper followed by the quiz, c.7.45pm, to help raise some funds for St Matt's. Teams can be up to 6 people and tickets are £10 per head (fish & chip supper included). Bring your own drink / nibbles and lots of friends! Prizes to be won. Please see Clare Caless for more details and/or sign up at the back.

Saturday 28th February - Men's Day at Crowborough

Phil Moon will be speaking at All Saints' Church, Crowborough on *Surrender & Sacrifice*. The day starts at 9.30am with bacon butties and finishes at 4pm. Tickets are £5. Please see the noticeboards for booking details.

Friday 6th & Friday 13th March—Sugarcraft Workshops

For anyone interested; no previous skill required & fun guaranteed!

Workshop 1—Unwired full blown rose, rosebud & rose leaves

Workshop 2—Unwired spring blossoms, e.g. primrose, daisy,

Cost : £3 per workshop

Venue: St Matt's Church Centre, High Brooms Road, 7.30-10pm

Contact: Dee Harper on dee.harper@btinternet.com **by Monday 16th**

Feb to register and for more details on equipment needed.

Bill Fearn is now unable to get out and about and so would welcome any visitors. If you happen to be free, do pop in and say hello. He would very much appreciate it.

Coffee Cups!

Please will you help the Welcome Teams by bringing your coffee cups back to the Welcome Area after the service? They picked up a whole bin's worth of cups from the floor last week and it doesn't do their backs any good to have to bend down and collect them! Thank you for your co-operation.

Sunday 22nd February—TW Marathon / Life & Soul

Some of us from St Matt's are hoping to run the TW half marathon on 22nd Feb to raise money for Life & Soul. If anyone would like to sponsor us we would be very grateful. You can do this through Just Giving at this web address or by making a donation marked Half Marathon. If anyone would like to join us you would be very welcome!

www.justgiving.com/twhalfmarathon

Coffee Morning

On 17th February, Rosemary B will be holding a Coffee Morning from 10.30am—1.30pm in the Church Centre in aid of Tree of Hope Children's Charity. Any offers of cake would be gratefully received!

Ash Wednesday

As Chris will be away on Ash Wednesday, there will be no service here that evening. There will be a service at 8pm at St Lawrence, Bidborough, however, and you are very welcome to attend that one should you wish to do so.

Tea for 5pm Service, 8th March

Rosemary Blanchard & Chrissie Veness will both be away on Sunday 8th March. Would anyone be able to supply tea for the congregation at 5pm that day, please? Do see Clare Caless if so. Thank you!

Keren & Rowan Wyatt would like to thank everyone for the meals and prayers they have received recently after Rowan's car accident. They are very grateful and continue to appreciate your prayers.