# Next week's Services: 10am Part of God's Household Dedo Rampe 5pm The Transfiguration Elizabeth Haughan 7pm Parables of Grace Jon Carroll

# Midweek Activities: M T h 10.00am Matt's Monkeys T F 8.30am Breakfast Café W 3.45pm Deeper 6.00pm Ignite

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# **NOTICES & NEWS**

8th 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	Encourage one another	Chris Wicks
5pm	In the beginning	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	Testimony / Sharing Night	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.

Nancy Pedersen, a long term member of St Matt's, has sadly passed away. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for her life here on Tuesday 10th February at 11.30am followed by refreshments in the Church Centre. All are welcome to attend.

# <u>Saturday 21st March</u>—Women's Day

There will be a Women's Day here on Saturday 21st March, 10.00am—4pm. Doors open from 9.30am and the cost is £5 to cover refreshments. Jenny Peters/St Mary's, Bryanston Square, will be the Speaker. Booking forms are at the back of church and are also available to download from the website. Please complete & return to Clare Caless in the Church Office together with your payment (cheques made payable to "St Matthew's Church", please).

## <u>Sunday 22nd February</u>—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.iustgiving.com/twhalfmarathon

Ruth Farthing & the 7pm Congregation would like to thank all those who baked such a terrific feast of cakes for them last weekend. They felt truly blessed!

#### **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.

If you have a child in **BRIGHT**, please pick up a letter from the back which details some changes being made to the group. Thank you.

#### **Coffee Morning**

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

