

Next week's Services:

10am	Gift Day	Chris Wicks
5pm	Whose Kingdom?	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	Around the Table	TBC

Midweek Activities:

M	3.45pm Deeper Chris & Carole away	Th	10.00am Matt's Monkeys 7.30pm Band Practice Chris & Carole away
T	Chris & Carole away	F	8.30am Breakfast Café Chris & Carole away
W	6.00pm Ignite Chris & Carole away	S	10.00am Dee's Cake Course Chris & Carole away

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NOTICES & NEWS

15th November 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	Being a Disciple in Education	Lynn Goreham
5pm	The End of Things	Julian Brierley
7pm	Faith and Rest	Jon Carroll

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Forthcoming Events

Sunday 15 November – **UNITE Youth Service:** 7.00pm at TW Christian Fellowship on Hanover Road. Christmas Party is on 18 December.

Wednesday 18 November – **Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church,** 11.30am–12.30pm at St Augustine's Church, Crescent Road, TW. This is an ecumenical prayer group which meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Also on Wednesday 16 December.

Saturday 21 November— **St Matthews's School Fair** is being held from 12 noon—3pm. There will be Secret Santa, raffle, tombolas, Father Christmas, refreshments and much more.

Saturday 21 November – **Launch Service for Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter,** 7pm at St Augustine's Catholic Church in Crescent Road. The speaker will be the Bishop of Rochester, James Langstaff.

Friday 27 November, 7.45pm—**St Matt's Christmas Craft Fair**

Ladies, come and chill out and make some crafts for Christmas. Tickets are available at the back and cost £8 which includes a glass of mulled wine. Over 14s only.

Saturday 12 December—**Tearfund Coffee Morning**

There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning with present wrapping & stocking fillers etc on sale between 10am and 12 noon in the Church to raise money for Tearfund's work with refugee children in Europe. Please put the date in your diary and see Mary or Liz if you would like to help.

GIFT DAY—22nd NOVEMBER

The DCC have decided to hold a Gift Day on Sunday 22 November for our Children & Youth Ministry. At St Matt's over the last few years, we have been privileged to see an unprecedented rise in our children and young people's work, both on Sundays and midweek. We are very aware that that is supported by a great team of volunteers but would not be possible without our energetic and visionary staff.

We began this year aware that we might be facing a deficit in the region of £8K. Despite talking about giving throughout the year, the deficit would appear to be closer to £13K.

Whilst we have some reserves, we will not be able to continue at this level indefinitely. We don't want to simply maintain what we are doing with our young people, we want to see it grow but if we are to do that, it is vitally important that we are able to keep our staff and give them the resources they need to develop this ministry. We would therefore like to ask every member of St Matthew's to consider prayerfully what they can give to ensure this ministry continue to grow.

Envelopes will be available on 22nd November and we will be talking more about this on that day.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT

Carole and Lois need buttons and beads for the Craft Event so please see either of them if you can help.

CHARIS' FUNDRAISER

Charis says a huge thank you to everyone to donated and supported her last Friday at the Sparklers & Hotdog Night. She raised over £600 which she says is "fab"! Thank you for your generosity.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DONATION

Thank you for supporting Maisie, Jos and Indi's stall last Sunday. They raised £50.54. The total going to the Legion is £566.43 which is last Sunday's offerings together with that taken at the Hythe Centenary Service and includes Gift Aid.

Dee Harper is being Re-commissioned as a Pastoral Assistant/Evangelist on 22 Nov, 4pm, St Philips, Birkin Road, and would love to see as many of her friends from St Matthews coming along to support her.

If you can come along, please let Dee know on 01892 655979. St Philips need to know numbers attending for catering purposes. Thank you.