

Next week's Services:

10am	Fifth Sunday Madness!	Jon & Claire
5pm	Watching and Praying	Chris Wicks
7pm	Soaking Evening	TBC

Midweek Activities:

M	3.45pm Deeper	Th	10.00am Matt's Monkeys
	8.00pm PCC5		
T		F	8.30am Breakfast Café
	Table Tennis		7.45pm Christmas Craft Event
W		S	10.00am Dee's Cake Course
	6.00pm Ignite		

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NOTICES & NEWS

22nd 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	Gift Day	Chris Wicks
5pm	Whose Kingdom?	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	The Holy Spirit	Jon Carroll

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Forthcoming Events

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.

Tuesday 8 December, 7.30pm—Messiah Carols for All at Rochester Cathedral. Tickets £15/£12 in aid of Rochester Cathedral are available from Rochester Cathedral Shop 10am – 4pm daily, 12 – 4pm Sundays 01634 843366 www.rochester-cathedral.org.

Saturday 12 December— 10am—12 noon Tearfund Coffee Morning

Don't miss our special Christmas Coffee Morning with lovely refreshments/foodie gifts, a present wrapping service! new/'good as new' gifts & stocking fillers, Guess the name of the teddy, Christmas survival items and more. As we celebrate our Christmas, we want to bless others as well by raising money for Tearfund's work with refugee children in Europe this Christmas. Liz Johnson and Mary Wilson would love to hear from you if you could help with set-up, manning stalls (including present wrapping experts!) etc. Contact Liz on lizj54@btinternet.com and Mary on marywilson@dsl.pipex.com or sign up on the list at the back of church. Thank you!

REMINDER: Super early bird booking rate for next year's New Wine gathering ends 30 November!

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Please could you sign the Christmas cards for our Mission Partners **today**? We want to send them our greetings and help them know that they are not forgotten. They'll be on a table in church - thanks to our children for their original art work!

Bryn & Clare would like to thank all those who supported the Quiz Night on Friday 13th. You raised a total of £ 179.60 for St Matt's so well done!

Dee Harper & Trevor Long are being Recommissioned as a Pastoral Assistant/Evangelist on 22 Nov, 4pm, St Philips, Birkin Road, and would love to see as many of their friends from St Matthews coming along to support them. If you can come along, please let Dee know on 01892 655979. St Philips need to know numbers attending for catering purposes. Thank you.