

Next week's Services:

10am	The Moses Paradox	Chris Wicks
5pm	A New Beginning	Martin Franklin
7pm	Holy Spirit	Katy Johnson

Midweek Activities:

M	3.45pm Deeper	Th	10am Matt's Monkeys
T	3pm—7.30pm Southborough Hub Consultation in St Matt's Church	F	8.30am Breakfast Café
W	6.00pm Ignite	S	7.45pm Pamper Evening in St Matt's to raise funds for Charis' travels

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NOTICES & NEWS

10 January 2016

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	The Abraham Paradox	Chris Wicks
5pm	Baptism of Christ	Elizabeth Haughan
7pm	Holy Spirit	Jon Carroll

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 12th January—3pm—7.30pm Southborough Hub Consultation

Plans for the transformation of the Royal Victoria Theatre / Town Hall area of Southborough will be available for public scrutiny and comment at the Church. Do feel free to pop in and register your (printable!) opinion.

Saturday 16th January 2016— 7.45pm, Pamper Evening

Come and pamper yourself after Christmas and help raise money for my trip to New Zealand! Massages, Make overs, Nails, Foot spas and chill time on the 16th January. Please come along, free entry but donations welcome, at the Church from 7:45pm till 10pm. Soft drinks provided, bring your own alcohol. Thank you! *Charis Wicks*

Saturday 23rd January—8.30am Revive Breakfast

Ladies, join us for breakfast of croissants/fruit, tea/coffee and hear Ruth Radley speaking on *Community*. Please see Carole Wicks or one of the Revive Team for more details as speaker may change.

Saturday 23rd January— 7.30pm, Christ Church, TW High Street

We have the great pleasure to welcome Rev Les Isaac, Founder of the Street Pastor Ministry, as our guest speaker at the Street Pastors Commissioning Service, along with Graham Kendrick who will be leading our worship.

Whether people are involved in Street Pastors or not, we believe the evening will be a time of great inspiration and would like as many as possible to join us.

Friday 26th February—7.45pm Ladies Film Night

Film yet to be decided but do put the date in your diaries. Soft drinks, pop corn and chocolate provided. Bring own alcohol. £1 donation for refreshments on door. Sign up sheet at the back. For more info, please contact Carole Wicks on 529098.

PARADOXOLOGY!

This term, our morning worship will be dipping into some of the themes Kish Kandia's book about the paradox of the Christian faith. He writes: "The Christian faith is full of apparent paradoxes:

- a compassionate God who sanctions genocide
- an all-powerful God who allows horrific suffering
- a God who owns everything yet demands so much from his followers
- a God who is distant and yet present at the same time

Many of us have big questions that the Christian faith seems to leave unanswered. So we push them to the back of our minds, for fear of destabilizing our beliefs. But leaving these questions unexamined is neither healthy for us, nor honouring to God. Rather than shying away from the difficult questions, we need to face them head on."

We begin in the Old Testament and move to look at the New Testament as we get closer to Easter - if you want to look deep at this subject, I really recommend Kish's book. You can get it on Amazon. *Chris Wicks*

Fancy joining the worship team?

If you're a musician and would be interested in being part of our worship team, we would love to get to know you! Please come along to this month's Worship Evening Session (**Thursday 21st Jan, 7:45pm at the Church**) which is our informal team gathering where we get to try out new songs accompanied by coffee and cakes! If you want more info, get in touch with Ali Granger (ali@heppy.co.uk)

The Choir from Lambersart (Southborough's twin town) is coming to join a choir from the Churches in Southborough for a grand concert in St Thomas' Church on 23rd April. Rehearsals begin on **9th February**. If you are interested in being part of the Choir, please contact Jean Best (01892 689972) or Jenny Heyes (jdheyes@btinternet.com). Jean has a list of music to be sung. Ladies and particularly Men (tenors or basses) are needed.

TEARFUND UPDATE

The total raised by the Coffee Morning and Gift Day plus the Church Christmas Card, Cake Sales and Change Jars was **£3,195.82**. Thank you to everyone who helped raise this magnificent total.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The sale of Jean's handmade cards raised **£43** for our link Diocese of Geita in Tanzania. A big THANK YOU to all those who supported this venture.