

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 22nd November 2024



How has your week been? Mine has been busy and I'm afraid I have run out of time today, so I'm just sending out notices...



Community Larder Christmas Event - Saturday 23rd November 10am - 12 noon

The Larder Christmas Fair is tomorrow! Please go along and support them at the Bethel Hall, with pavement BBQ, cake and gift stalls, tombolas and a raffle, live Christmas music and lots of coffee and cake and chance to socialise. Everyone is welcome!

Our **Christmas Event** for ladies is just 2 weeks away now, so please buy your tickets and invite your friends! It's on Friday 6th December 7.30pm - 9.45pm.

Come and make some Christmas crafts & decorations, with mulled wine and Christmas nibbles throughout the evening.

Tickets are £12 per person - which includes refreshments and anything you make.

This event is for women aged 14 and over.

You can buy your tickets here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/add1rshq> or email me on office@stmattschurch.org.uk



Kevin would like to offer something for the men while the women are having their craft night...

Men's meet up at Kevin's House, Friday 6th December from 6.30pm.

Beer, mulled wine and sausages round the fire in their wooded garden. Bring wellies and a drink of your choice and if you are musical perhaps an instrument so we can have a sing song of festive tunes if the evening pans out that way!!

(Subject to weather - if raining may need to postpone)

It would be helpful if you could sign up for this so Kevin has an idea of how many people are coming. You can sign up

here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/dtkzm6xe>



This Sunday we have two services at 10am and 7pm.

In the morning I will be sharing about our final value of teams (the Bible passage is Romans 12). There will be groups for our children and youth this week.

This is our last 7pm service, and Matt is speaking about Christ the King, with communion being shared as well.

Next week is the beginning of Advent!

We will have our **8am Book of Common Prayer communion service** with Anthony Hammill.

Then our **10am service will be our advent family service**, and we will be lighting our first advent candle!

Chris going on sick leave

Chris has his next operation next week, so he will be on sick leave from Wednesday 27th November until after Christmas. Carole will also be stepping back for a few weeks as Chris recovers initially. Please keep them in your prayers.

Choir and hand bells for Christmas services...



Choir - Our carol service this year will be on Sunday 22nd December in the evening, and Suzy will be getting a choir together again to sing a few numbers and lead the carols.

If you would like to be involved, please let Suzy know.

Rehearsals will be on Monday 25th November, Monday 2nd December, Tuesday 10th December, and one more to be confirmed (all 6pm - 7pm in church).

Join our Christmas hand bell team! - We are planning to once again put together a team of people to ring Christmas carols on hand bells at our Christmas services. And we need your help! If you are interested, please join us for hand bell practice sessions which we will be holding in the run-up to Christmas.

If you have not rung hand bells before – it's not that hard if you have a good sense of rhythm! Or, if you have been part of our team in previous years, please come along to refine your technique! We are aiming to hold practice sessions after the morning service on the following Sundays (subject to confirmation): **November 23, December 8, December 15.**

Children need to be age 9+ and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all practices and services for the hand bell ringing.

If you are interested, please let Chris Horseman know either in person, or via the Church office. Thank you!

Knitting Hub cancelled

There will be no knitting hub tomorrow as Jane is unable to lead it this week.

Can you cook a meal?

We have a couple of people in the coming weeks who we would like to provide meals for. I have emailed quite a few people already, but if you could make a meal for someone and deliver it to them in High Brooms (and you haven't already let me know), please email me this weekend. Thank you!

Housing needed

We have another member of our congregation looking for a house or flat to rent urgently as her current accommodation ends next week. If anyone knows of anywhere to rent locally, please let me know asap.

If you need any help or support, please be in touch with me in the office. I hope you have a lovely weekend.