

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 7th February 2025



I hope you have had a good week.

This week I was listening to Lectio 365 again, and it was talking about hope. It was very much saying what Steve Morris was saying about hope a few weeks ago, so I thought I would share from Lectio to encourage us all today...

"Hope... is the assurance that my Heavenly Father is good, trustworthy and wants to include me in his plans.

Hope is not passive. It's not wishful thinking or shallow positivity. It is an active choice to believe and act in a way that says things can, and ultimately will, change because Jesus Christ is who he claimed to be, and because God is a good Father who answers me when I pray. My response then must be to face every situation knowing that these things are true - no matter how hopeless things may appear."

I love that the hope we have in Jesus is sure and certain and eternal. It isn't what the world believes hope to be. It is something we can count on and trust in.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see."

My prayer for us all today is that God would help us to be sure of the hope we have in him, and to know the depth and certainty of his promises, whatever situation we find ourselves in.

Notices



This Sunday (9th Feb) we have two services, at 10am and 5pm.

Mark will be carrying on our series about the armour of God in our morning service and there will be groups for our children and young people. The Bible reading is Isaiah 52:7-10, as well as the armour of God passage in Ephesians 6:10-20.

Chris is speaking at the 5pm service and communion will be shared.

Next Sunday (16th Feb) we just have our 10am service, with Matt speaking and groups for children and young people.

Electoral roll - The electoral roll is like a membership of the church - it's a Church of England thing and being on the electoral roll of St. Matt's Church allows you to vote in meetings and to stand for roles like PCC or church warden. It is also a way of saying that St. Matt's is your church and you are invested in it.

Once every 6 years, we have to do a whole new electoral roll - so everyone has to sign a form to join the roll again, regardless of whether you were previously on it or not. That is happening this year!

We have tried to make life easier by having an online form which you can fill in if you prefer, or there are paper copies at the back of church.

So if you see St. Matt's Church as your church, please do fill in a form to join the electoral roll.

Here is the online form <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/-/forms/gpuczzft>

If you have any questions, do let me know.



Defibrillator and CPR Awareness sessions

As you know, we now have a defibrillator on the outside of church, thanks to Community First Responders. They are going to come and run a couple of hour-long training sessions for anyone who would like to learn how to use the machine and do CPR.

The sessions will run on Thursday 6th March in church, one at 7pm and one at 8pm. There are 12 spaces in each session.

If you would like to join one of these sessions, please sign up using the links below:

7pm session <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/nhbcmkz6>

8pm session <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/1zb1svcy>

These sessions are for anyone who is interested, and you may like to consider it if you are a regular volunteer at any of our groups.

TW Youth For Christ events...

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FOOTBALL / FAITH / CONSOLE GAMES /
TUCK SHOP / GUEST SPEAKERS
@ The Wells Church, Hanover Rd, TN1 1EY
5:30-8pm

17 JAN £2 HOPE	14 FEB £2 LOVE	14 MAR £2 FAITH
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www.madapps.uk/twyouth4christ/

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4.30 - 6pm | **16** | SUNDAY
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ST. JAMES CHURCH
FERNDALE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT, TN2 3RL

If you need any help or support, please be in touch with Chris or I in the church office. We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we'll see you tonight if you're booked in for dinner or on Sunday at one of our services.



BINGO *Night*

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT. £10 FOR TEN GAMES. FULLY STOCKED BAR. CASH PRIZES.

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
BAR OPENS 5.30PM. EYES DOWN 7PM

St Matthew's High Brooms Church Hall,
TN4 9DA



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If you make a group booking of 10 you get 10 free
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