

# St. Matt's Midweek Update – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



I hope you have had a good week.

Next weekend I have a big choir concert with the choir I sing in. We are joining up with other branches of the same choir for a 15th anniversary concert, and there will be about 200 people singing! I can't wait.

Singing in a choir is great - the sound that can be made with lots of people all singing together, and singing in harmony, is amazing.

There are a few things about singing in a choir that I think relate really well to us being church together.

In a choir, everyone's voices join together to make the whole sound. It isn't about any one person; it is about all the parts making the one sound. One person couldn't make the sound that a choir makes, so it needs everyone's voices to play their part.

You also each have your part to play in a choir, and we are not all singing the same thing. I am an alto, so I will often be singing a very different thing to the sopranos or the tenors, but it all contributes to the overall song.

No-one should stand out in a choir - generally if you are standing out then you are probably singing the wrong thing or singing too loud! The idea of a choir is to listen to each other and sing together to blend the sound, so it sounds like one beautiful harmony.

And lastly, being in the choir is about so much more than singing! It is great for giving you a boost and making you feel good; I have made friends and we go out for socials and do fun things.

All of these things can translate to being part of our church family and working together to share the good news of Jesus in High Brooms.

Church is not about any one person, and one or two people certainly wouldn't be able to do all the things we do as a church to share Jesus with others. It's about us all playing our part.

Your part is different to my part, but we all work together to make St. Matt's what it is. We each bring our bit of time, energy, gifts and money and it contributes to the overall ministry of the church.

Church is also about not standing out too much, but playing our part in the team we are in. It's about being aware of what other teams are doing and how we are all working together to share Jesus in our community. Every person and team is as important as all the others and is ultimately working towards the same goal - to be Jesus to those around us.

And hopefully, being part of the church family brings so much more than just going to church on a Sunday. It should bring joy and friendship and support. Serving makes us feel good, contributing gives us a boost. Being part of something bigger than ourselves is so good for us and encourages us in our walk with Jesus.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

## Notices



**This Sunday** we have our 10am service with groups for our children and young people. There will be a baptism before the children go out - Mandy and Tony's grandson.

Suzanne will be speaking to us from Isaiah 43:1-4.

**Next Sunday** is Mothering Sunday, so we will be having a family service at 10am and Carole will be speaking to us.

**Electoral roll** - have you filled in a form yet? No-one stays on the roll this year - everyone has to sign a new form if they want to be on it. Here is the online form <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/-/forms/gpuczzft>



As you know, Chris and Carole's leaving service and lunch is on Sunday 27th April.

Julia and Mary are kindly organising food for the lunch and they would love it if people could contribute some home made finger food. They will need:

Sausage rolls or cheese rolls

Cheese straws

Tray bake cakes

Lunch will be finger foods so they are looking for things to be made bite size!

Food will need to be delivered to church on Friday 25th April or Saturday 26th April in the mornings.

**IMPORTANT - please can you let Julia know by 30th March if you are happy to make things.** They need to know what is being made and how much, so that any shortfall can be made up, as we are expecting a lot of people! Thank you!



**Thank you** so much to everyone who volunteers for things in church.

Whenever we ask for help, people step up and we are so grateful.

At the moment, we could really do with **someone to join the Deeper team.** Deeper is for those in school years 3-6 on Mondays from 3.30pm - 5pm. It's a fun group, but at the moment I help a couple of times a month to make up numbers, and I could do with reducing that if possible as we head into the interregnum.

Please let me know if you would like to join the team, or come and have a taster session to see what it is like.



**Easter opening of the Larder** - just an advance warning that the larder will be opening on Easter Saturday, instead of the Friday of that week. We will remind everyone nearer the time!

**Tunbridge Wells Choral Society** - Enjoy a beautiful selection of varied choral music to mark Palm Sunday, sung live by the Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society with professional musicians and soloists at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells on Sunday 13 April, at 3pm.



Tickets are available from <https://rtwcs.org.uk/>. Prices range from £13 to £28 (inclusive of booking fee) with student and child tickets from £8 to £15.50. The concert lasts approximately 2 hours, including a 20-minute interval.

### Good Friday Witness

Come join Christians from across the town for the Good Friday Witness on Friday 18th April, 11.25-11.45am at the Millennium Clock.

If you need any help or support during the week, do be in touch with me in the office. Have a lovely weekend.