

# LIFE LET'S TALK EXPLORED

A relaxed, informal way to think through life's big questions and learn about Jesus. Open to people of all faiths or none. All questions welcome. Free. Seven Wednesdays starting 8<sup>th</sup> October 7.45-9.15pm.

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

New believers share their stories, with Bishop Rob.

5pm, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

### Why are so many Christians hypocrites?

When Christians don't act  
like Jesus

10.30am, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October



### Try an English Dessert

Make or enjoy a traditional dessert and hear from  
a Christian member of the group.



For internationals  
in simple English

FREE, 7pm  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

#### Prayer meetings

These are our first priority. Church news is shared here first, and we pray for the month ahead. We meet 7.45-9.15pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

#### Young families

**Mini Matts** 9.45-11.30am, Tuesdays 16<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December (except half term 28<sup>th</sup> October)

#### 7-11s Jaffa club

For years 3-6, 6-7pm, Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> December (except half term 30<sup>th</sup> October)

**Sparklers** Bring a friend Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

#### 11-16s

**Youth group** 6-7.30pm, Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> December (except half term 30<sup>th</sup> October, and 27<sup>th</sup> November)

**Fireworks** A good week to visit or invite friends, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Weekend away** A chance to hang out and have fun together as we listen to God speak through the Bible.

At The Rock UK Frontier Centre 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Students

Pizza, Bible discussion and games, for ARU, 6<sup>th</sup> form and other students after 5pm church.

Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> December

Welcome meal at the vicarage, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November

#### Internationals

Food, friendship and Bible in simple English

Meal at 7pm, children welcome, ends 9pm

Fridays 12<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> December

**iExplore course** from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to 29<sup>th</sup> November

#### Over 50s: A slice of life

For all faiths or none, with cake, chat, guest speakers and a Christian perspective. 10.30-11.45am, Mondays:

8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November & 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### Church day away

Get to know your church family better as you relax and have fun. Get to know God better as we chew on a Bible theme in more depth with guest speaker Mike Kendall.

Letton Hall, Norfolk, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Please book by 14<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Church family lunch

Bring simple cold buffet food to share, with supervised play for under 8s, and catch up with news from Tim & Shireen Ettrick 12-2pm, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

# stmatthew'schurch



An opportunity for people of all faiths or none to visit an accessible church, in person or online, as little or as often as you choose.

**Sundays 10.30am** with supervised crèche, side room with toys, and groups for children and youth.

**Sundays 5pm** a smaller gathering followed by student group.

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## Sundays 10.30am

7 September	<b>A community worth belonging to</b> 1 Chronicles 1- 9
14 September	<b>A leader worth our loyalty</b> 1 Chronicles 10:1- 11:9
21 September	<b>A cause worth fighting for</b> 1 Chronicles 11:10 - 12:40
28 September	<b>Meals with Jesus: lunch with Levi</b> all ages together Luke 5:27-32
5 October	<b>Why are so many Christmas hypocrites?</b> for guests 1 John 1:5- 2:2
12 October	<b>The difference it makes to seek God</b> 1 Chronicles 13- 16
19 October	<b>Are your dreams big enough?</b> 1 Chronicles 17
26 October	<b>Meal with Jesus: supper at Simon's</b> all ages together Luke 7:36-50
2 November	<b>Ridiculed, overwhelmed and failing</b> 1 Chronicles 18 - 20
9 November	<b>What's wrong with the world?</b> 1 Chronicles 21
16 November	<b>Mission Sunday with the Ettricks</b>
23 November	<b>What are you passionate about?</b> 1 Chronicles 22 - 27
30 November	<b>Finding the strength for big tasks</b> 1 Chronicles 28
7 December	<b>Feeling good about money</b> 1 Chronicles 29
14 December	<b>Carols &amp; children's celebration</b>

## Home groups

9-11 September	John 19:17-27
16-18 September	John 19:28-37
23-25 September	John 19:38-42
30 Sept- 2 Oct	John 20:1-10
7 October	<b>prayer meeting</b>
14-16 October	John 20:11-18
21-23 October	John 20:19-23
28-30 October	group social event
4 November	<b>prayer meeting</b>
11-13 November	John 20:24-31
18-20 November	John 21:1-14
25-27 November	John 21:15-19
2 December	<b>prayer meeting</b>
9-11 December	John 21:20-25

## Sundays 5pm

7 September	<b>Why is Jesus so divisive?</b> John 19:17-27
14 September	<b>Finding closure</b> John 19:28-37
21 September	<b>What changed your mind about Jesus?</b> John 19:38-42
28 September	<b>Baptism and confirmation</b> for guests with Bishop Rob
5 October	<b>Faith in the darkness</b> John 20:1-10
12 October	<b>Can we be sure Jesus came back to life?</b> John 20:11-18
19 October	<b>Why Jesus brings peace for everyone</b> John 20:19-23
26 October	<b>If only there were more evidence</b> John 20:24-31
2 November	<b>How sure are you that Jesus is alive?</b> John 21:1-14
9 November	<b>What if I've let Jesus down?</b> John 21:15- 25
16 November	<b>Mission Sunday with the Ettricks</b>
23 November	<b>How seriously should you take faith?</b> Haggai 1:1-15
30 November	<b>Does a weak church mean a weak God?</b> Haggai 1:15- 2:9
7 December	<b>Bad things happen when I do good</b> Haggai 2:10-19
14 December	<b>Has God forgotten his promises?</b> Haggai 2:20-23