

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> October 7.45-9.15pm, at the house next to the church car park.

5pm  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Why Christian faith  
is a gift worth having

New church members share their stories,  
with baptism & confirmation, and Bishop Rob.

## How can a loving God send people to hell?

Weighing Jesus' words about  
life after death

10.30am, Sunday 13<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 17<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December (except half term 29<sup>th</sup> October)

### 7-11s Jaffa club

For years 3-6, 6-7pm, Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> December (except half term 31<sup>st</sup> October)

**Sparklers** Bring a friend Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

### 11-16s

**Youth group** 6-7.30pm, Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> September to 19<sup>th</sup> December (except half term 31<sup>st</sup> October, and 21<sup>st</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 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November

### Students

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

Sundays 8<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> December

Welcome meal at the vicarage, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

### Internationals

Food, friendship and Bible in simple English

Meal at 7pm, children welcome, ends 9pm

Fridays 6<sup>th</sup> September to 6<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

9<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November & 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Church weekend 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. King's Park, Northampton

5-8pm, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - 2pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Please book by 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### Church family lunch

Bring simple cold buffet food to share, with supervised play for under 8s, and catch up with Andy Thomas, our mission partner leading a church revitalisation in Doncaster.

12pm, Sunday 17<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

8 September	<b>What is a real Christian?</b> Mark 8:31- 9:1
15 September	<b>Ignoring Christ when he's controversial</b> Mark 9:2-13
22 September	<b>Help me overcome my unbelief</b> Mark 9:14-29
29 September	<b>Competing and comparing</b> Mark 9:30-41
6 October	<b>When following Jesus seems costly</b> Mark 9:42-50
13 October	<b>How can a loving God send people to hell?</b> for guests
20 October	<b>A Christian approach to love &amp; sex</b> Mark 10:1-12
27 October	<b>What Jesus loves about children</b> all ages together Mark 10:13-16
3 November	<b>Doing good and working hard</b> Mark 10:17-31
10 November	<b>The way to true greatness</b> Mark 10:32-45
17 November	<b>Mission Sunday with Andy Thomas</b> Matthew 28:16-20
24 November	<b>What do you want Jesus to do for you?</b> Mark 10:46-52
1 December	<b>How many sleeps until the big day?</b> all ages together Matthew 25:1-13
8 December	<b>Carols &amp; children's party</b>

## Home groups

10-12 September	Ephesians 1:1-14
17-19 September	Ephesians 1:15-23
24-26 September	Ephesians 2:1-10
1 October	<b>prayer meeting</b>
8-10 October	Ephesians 2:11-22
15-17 October	Ephesians 3:1-13
22-24 October	Ephesians 3:14-21
29-31 October	Ephesians 4:1-16
5 November	<b>prayer meeting</b>
12-14 November	Ephesians 4:17-32
19-21 November	Ephesians 5:1-21
26-28 November	Ephesians 5:21- 6:9
3 December	<b>prayer meeting</b>
10-12 December	Ephesians 6:10-24 or Christmas event

## Sundays 5pm

8 September	<b>Could God want me?</b> Ephesians 1:1-14
15 September	<b>What do you pray for a Christian?</b> Ephesians 1:15-23
22 September	<b>Having Christian values without God?</b> Ephesians 2:1-10
29 September	<b>Why Christian faith is a gift worth having</b> for guests
6 October	<b>Is peace really possible?</b> Ephesians 2:11-22
13 October	<b>How excited are you about church?</b> Ephesians 3:1-21
20 October	<b>Your role in God's family</b> Ephesians 4:1-16
27 October	<b>The change we all need</b> Ephesians 4:17-32
3 November	<b>Leaving our old life behind</b> Ephesians 5:1-14
10 November	<b>Living a Spirit-filled life</b> Ephesians 5:15-21
17 November	<b>Mission Sunday with Andy Thomas</b> Matthew 28:16-20
24 November	<b>God's good plan for marriage</b> Ephesians 5:22-33
1 December	<b>Navigating power dynamics</b> Ephesians 6:1-9
8 December	<b>When our faith feels weak</b> Ephesians 6:10-24