

Newsletter

Sunday 10th March 2019

What's on this week

- Sun 10th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Mission Praise (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
- Mon 11th** 9.00am - Toddler Bible Study (Church)
3.30pm - Kids Club (Centre)
7.30pm - PCC (Church)
- Tues 12th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
3.30pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
7.30pm - Deanery Synod (St Mark's)
- Weds 13th** 9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)
12.30pm - Lent Lunches (St Paul's)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
- Thurs 14th** 1.00pm - Memorial Service for Jan Webster (Church)
2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
7.45pm - Town Centre Ministries (Central Hall)
- Fri 15th** 8.20am - Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)
8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Church Open, cleaners and flower arrangers
1.00pm - Funeral of Barrie Blower (Church)
6.30pm - Signs for Worship Workshop (Centre)
8.00pm - Signs for Worship (Centre)
- Sun 17th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Holy Communion (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)



Morning Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7.30am (Church)

Weds 8.00am (Blue Coat)

Further ahead

- Mon 18th** 9.00am - Staff Team Meeting (Church)
2.00pm - All Age Team meeting
7.30pm - Homegroup leaders meeting (Rectory)
- Sat 23rd** 10.30am - Burial of ashes



For your prayers:

Please pray for: thanksgiving for baby Jake Ray. Prayer for Monica, Christine Bennett, Graham, Andrew, Matthew, Rob Bradburn and the friends and family of Sue Plant, Shaun Alleyne, Eva Tinsley, Jan Webster, Barrie Blower, Margaret Haden, Ron Gittins and Win Kempson.

If you wish a prayer to be included; there are prayer cards in the side-chapel, and email prayer chain details are on the back of this sheet.

Rightnow Media March & Lent Recommendations

For Lent...

- Red Letter Challenge – Zach Zehnder

For March...

- If – Mark Batterson [CC – English]
- Faith Lessons Walking With God – Ray Vander Laan [CC – English]

For Kids...

- Phil Vischer Presents: Where Does Hope Live? 1 Peter

To get started with Rightnow Media for free, go to www.rightnowmedia.org/account/

Electoral roll It is time to renew the electoral roll for the church. This old one has now been wiped clean so please complete a new form. The forms must be completed by Sunday 7th April 2019. If you would like to fill in the form online go to <https://stmatthewswalsall.churchcenter.com/people/forms/29160>, or scan this QR code with your phone.



New Homegroup Looking for a homegroup that could work for you if you have a young family? Speak to or email Priscilla Trood for more Information.

Transforming Poverty A new national church resource inspired by the film I, Daniel Blake is now available for free. Written by the Revd Gayle Greenway, curate at St Matthew's in Wolverhampton, the six-session course sees the bible placed in relationship with the Ken Loach and Paul Laverty film. Ideal for small groups - and Lent - you can download it free from the <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/>

Bishop's Lent appeal 2019 This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal focuses on mental health and wellbeing. It will support charities which help those suffering from trauma both at home and abroad - Combat Stress and Embrace The Middle East. The collections from the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will go towards this but you can also give money to the appeal by placing a donation in the relevant envelopes and placing your gift in a normal Sunday collection.

The Bible Rediscovered During Lent the main lectionary readings will form the basis of our sermons at the 8am and 8am Sunday services. The Diocese of Lichfield have produced a resource booklet called "The Bible Rediscovered" to match these readings which can be used a study guide for small groups or individuals. Jim has ordered enough copies for every person who attends these two services and also a few extra. Please speak to Jim if you would like a copy. They can also be downloaded from the Lichfield Diocese website.

Food Bank Lent Challenge The Black Country Food Bank is issuing an "80 Can Lent Challenge". The idea is to donate 2 items of food or toiletries for each of the 40 days in Lent. You could do this on your own, within your homegroup or small group, or as part of the wider church. Bring your donations to church and pop them in the box in the glassed off area. Also there are lists of the items they require. If anyone is able to go on a rota to help transport the food to the Food Bank at the Methodist Central Hall once a month, please see Priscilla Trood. Thank you.

George Fisher retirement service

George will be retiring in June and would like to invite all members of St Matthew's church to his leaving celebration on Thurs 20th June at

7.30pm. Copies of the invitation are available in the foyer. If you would like to come, Everybody welcome! - but please RSVP to jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org or Tel: 01543 306067 so that we can get the right numbers for catering purposes.

Confirmation

Sometimes people ask what confirmation is about. Broadly speaking...

- Baptism brings membership to the world-wide Christian church
- Electoral Rolls signify a person is a member of a specific Church (and can vote in] elections)
- Confirmation is renewing the promises made at baptism and indicating membership of a particular denomination i.e. the Church of England

The next Cluster Confirmation service is expected to take place on Sunday 23rd June in the evening. The venue is yet to be decided. If anyone would like to be confirmed, please can they speak to Jim before the end of March.

Supporting people with sight loss

St John's Guild meets the spiritual, physical and sensory needs of people who are blind or visually impaired. It also provides resources where possible to meet those needs, to enable people to fully participate in church services and spiritual activities. Find out more at www.stjohnsguild.org/

Signs For Worship

Signs for Worship Walsall is made up of deaf and hearing people who engage with God through signed songs and prayer. Established in 2012, they meet every term time Friday evening at St Matthew's Church Centre, Walsall, WS1 3DG. We have a BSL practice and song translation workshop from 6.30-7.30pm, and then from 8 'til 9pm we meet together for worship. All are welcome, regardless of BSL skill and all meetings are in BSL and English.

Save the date! Ashmore Park Choir is having a concert on Saturday 18th May 2019 at St Matthews from 7.30pm. "A medley of music for all tastes." Tickets are £10 to include a glass of wine. Available from Sunday 17th from Judith Ridgway, the Office and TR Music.

St Matthew's Church Giving

You can give direct to the church via online banking, a standing order or www.stewardship.org.uk/giving/give.

Account Name - St Matthews Walsall Parish Church (Lloyds Bank)

Sort code - 30-99-06

Account Number - 00060947

Reference - Donate

Or by contactless payment at the machine at the back of the church.

Easyfundraising

For almost ALL online purchases, a small percentage (around 1%) can be given to St Matthew's at NO cost to you. This comes via an agreement with online retailers. We have raised £500 to date. It's EASY! For more information, speak to Kirsten.

WIN KEMPSON'S funeral service will be held at St. Matthew's Church on Thursday 28th March at 12.30pm and will be followed by cremation at Streetly Crematorium. The service is to be a celebration of our mother's life and, therefore, black need not be worn. Please join us for Mum's funeral and for refreshments afterwards in St. Matthew's Church Centre. It will be just family flowers and, if you wish, donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated. The Kempson Family.

The Light of the World Window is being restored to its former glory, thanks to a generous donation. The damaged stained glass panels have been removed and the sill and mullions are going to be replaced. This work is being carried out by specialist stained glass and metal-work restorers and is expected to take several weeks to complete.

Lent Lunches Held at St Paul's, and starting on Wednesday 6th March. There are leaflets and poster in the foyer - please do take one for more information..

RUOK coordinators

If you notice someone is missing from church, why not give them a ring or speak to one of our RUOK coordinators?

Our coordinators are:

- 8.00am service – Helen Robinson
- 9.00am service - Jim Trood
- 10.45am service – Rita Chilton
- 6.30pm service – David & Penny Hunt



Clergy Contacts:

Rev Jim Trood – 07939 587208 (Day off Tuesday)
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- ◇ **Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Anne Tolley 07518 339606
- ◇ **Email Prayer Requests** (non-confidential) stmatts.prayer@outlook.com
- ◇ **Homegroups:** To find out more please get in touch with Judith Ridgway 07490 488144 / ridgway@talktalk.net or Priscilla Trood 07984 626 637 / priscillatrood@btinternet.com
- ◇ **Prayer Triplets Coordinator:** Kirsten Robson 07521 741820
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Staff Contacts:

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Adrian Perks – Centre Manager - 07954 138350.
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Kirsten Robson - Church Office - 01922 626039 or 07759 708091
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New to St Matthew's? Welcome! Please fill out a connect card which can be found in the back of the chairs and post it in the connect box on the welcome desk. We would love to keep in touch and get to know you more.

Website: www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk

