

Newsletter

Sunday 5th May 2019



What's on this week

- Sun 12th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
2.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise Focused - Café Church
- Mon 13th** 9.00am - Staff Team Meeting (Church)
9.00am - Toddler Bible Study (Church)
3.15pm - Kids Club (Centre)
7.00pm - Archdeacon's visitation (All Saints, Bloxwich)
- Tues 14th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
3.30pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Weds 15th** 9.30am - Bible Study (Church)
9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
6.30pm - Blue Coat Federation Governors (Infants)
7.30pm - PCC (Church)
- Thurs 16th** 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
4.00pm - Blue Coat Foundation Trustees Meeting (Federation House)
- Fri 17th** 8.20am - Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)
8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Church Open, cleaners and flower arrangers
6.30pm - Signs for Worship Workshop (Centre)
8.00pm - Signs for Worship (Centre)
- Sat 18th** FA CUP FINAL – please do not disturb Jim
7.30pm - Ashmore Park Choir (Church)
- Sun 19th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Communion (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)

Morning Prayer

- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7.30am (Church)
Weds 8.00am (Blue Coat)

Further Ahead

- Mon 20th 7.30pm - Leadership Team (Rectory)

Worshipping God; Equipping his people;
Growing his kingdom; Serving Walsall

Prayer Requests

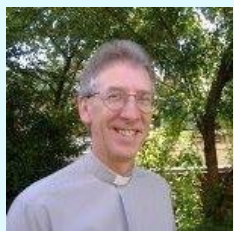
From our prayer cards and emails please pray for: Rita, Rob, Andrew, Josie, Dawn, Christine, John and Joan Cartridge, and Pamela Brown. Please also pray for St Gabriel's, Fulbrook as they make their final plans for their Fan the Flame parish mission from 12th to 16th May.

Christian Aid Week runs from 12th to 18th May. Charitable donations can be made in the envelop up until the last week in May. Spare envelopes are available from the back of church if you would like to give one to a neighbour.



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 Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm. If you would like to come, please RSVP to jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org or Tel: 01543 306067



Church Vision During this term we will be considering the church vision of Worshipping God, Equipping his people, Growing his kingdom and Serving Walsall in more detail with a sermon series at all the services. Linking in with this, the homegroups will be studying aspects of the vision using Bible study and application. If you would like to join a homegroup for a term to get the most out of this, please speak to Priscilla or Judith for advice about the most appropriate group for you, or look at the sheet about homegroups on the table at the back of church.

Planning Center We are moving over to a system called Planning Center Services for organising rotas for Sunday services. It is an online system that you can blocked out dates you are unavailable, accept/decline rota spots and there is a mobile app available. Please speak to Mike Ray if you have not received a welcome email.

Church & Mental Wellbeing The Diocese is piloting Live Well resources produced by Livability to build up the capacity of the local church to support the mental wellbeing of the church community. They are inviting churches to send two (or more) people to a workshop, facilitated by Livability, on Thursday 6 June, 10am-4pm, in Perton. The workshop will introduce resources and explore ways of engagement that you might adopt to support the wellbeing of the whole church. A detailed programme will be available a fortnight before, at which point you will be asked to confirm your attendance. To register an interest or for more details please email Rev Jim.

Quiet Days Priscilla Trood will be leading a day on Saturday 22nd June from 10.00am-4.30pm in Dordon. It costs £25, which includes a hot lunch, or £20 for concessions. Priscilla can take 4 people in her car. Flyers and booking forms available. Please speak to Priscilla for more information. Judith Ridgway is organising a Quiet Day at St Mary's Convent, Handsworth, on Saturday 20th July 2019. If you are interested and would like more details, please speak to Judith in church or on 07490 488144 or ridgway@talktalk.net.

Short talks Jim is looking to recruit more people for a team who will be happy to do the 5 minute "All Age" short talk in the weekly 10.45am service. There is a termly list of topics that links to this and connects with the Children's Church themes. If you would be interested in doing a short talk, please speak to Jim.

John Edlin's **Wednesday Study Group** will meet at 9.30am in St Clement's Chapel on the following dates: 15 May, 29 May and 12 June.

Fridge & freezer We have a second hand fridge and freezer available to be given free to a good home. Please contact Jim.

Pentecost Praise and Thy Kingdom Come

This year we will be celebrating our Ecumenical Pentecost Praise service at St Matthew's on 6.30pm on Sunday 9th June. Last year approximately 30 churches from around Walsall were represented. For many churches, including us, it will be the culmination to Thy Kingdom Come a global prayer initiative that lasts from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Put the date in your diary now and watch this space for more information.

Church Keys As part of our church insurance requirements, Patti is completing an audit of who holds keys to the various doors to our church. She would be grateful if you could let her know by email, patti_lane@hotmail.com, 07816 625418 or speak to her on Sunday if you have any keys.

Children's Society volunteers The Children's Society is looking to recruit volunteer speakers and ambassadors from across the Diocese. Both roles raise awareness and support the work of the charity by speaking in their communities about the issues faced by disadvantaged young people and what the charity does to help. Speakers use their skills and passion to reach out to different audiences in their communities, such as community groups, churches and companies, inspiring them about the charity's work with children facing poverty, neglect or family crisis. Ambassadors represent The Children's Society within the diocese, networking within the Church, raising awareness about and identifying opportunities for support from the local community. If you are interested in either roles email (Rachel.thomas@childrenssociety.org.uk) or call her on 07850 500958.

Jesus Money cards In partnership with the Just Finance Foundation, we're producing a set of table-top question cards designed to help church groups talk together about money. If you would like to run a pilot session, contact David Primrose for further information.

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.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

May

- The Power of Jesus' Names – Tony Evans
- The Book of 1 Corinthians – Jennie Allen [CC]
- The Mr. Phil Show – Phil Vischer

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

Community of Evangelists

On Tuesday 11th June there will be a Community of Evangelists gathering. With keynote speaker The Revd Canon Robin Gamble speaking on 'Evangelism today through the local church'. Author of the 'Start' course and heading up 'Leading Your Church Into Growth' project, Robin is an interesting and entertaining speaker. Come and find out for yourself! 6.00 pm – 9.30 pm at St John the Baptist, Littleworth, Stafford, ST16 3RP. Open to all members and first-time guests. More details at <http://bit.ly/2PIuBBH>

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 kirstenrobson1@gmail.com

Staff Contacts:

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Adrian Perks – Centre Manager - 07954 138350.
email: stmatthewsmanager@tiscali.co.uk

Kirsten Robson - Church Office - 01922 626039 or 07759 708091
email: stmattschurchwalsall@gmail.com

Barbara Parker - Safeguarding Officer - 01922 649909

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

