

Newsletter

Sunday 14th April 2019

What's on this week

- Sun 14th Palm Sunday**
8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise Focused (Church)
- Mon 15th**
9.00am - Staff Team Meeting (Church)
2.00pm - Easter Experience
6.30pm - Holy Week Service (Church)
7.30pm - Pastoral Care Meeting (Centre)
- Tues 16th**
10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
6.30pm - Holy Week Service (Church)
7.00pm - CO and C1 Training (Centre)
- Weds 17th**
12.30pm - Lent Lunches (St Paul's)
6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
6.30pm - Holy Week Service (Church)
- Thurs 18th**
9.30am - Finance Committee (Centre)
2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
7.30pm - Maundy Thursday Service (Church)
- Fri 19th**
10.30am - Walk of Witness (Town Centre)
12.00pm - Good Friday Reflections (Church)
1.00pm - Asian Congregation Good Friday Service (Centre)
6.30pm - Holy Week Service
- Sun 21st Easter Sunday**
8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - All Age Easter Communion (Church)
2.00pm - Asian Congregation Easter Celebration (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise Focused (Church)



Morning Prayer

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

Further Ahead

Office closed from Fri 19th and reopens Thurs 25th

Sat 27th Workers Memorial Service

Mon 29th AGM



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

Please pray for:
baby Lola-Rose, and Liz & Ray Chamberlain and family.
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.

Annual General Meeting 2019

On Monday 29th April, the AGM will be held in church with the official meeting starting at 7.30pm. The Annual Report has been generated and will be available in church from Tuesday 16th April. There are nomination sheets and information available for PCC and Warden nominations. Speak to Jim or the Wardens for more information.

C0 and C1 Training For those who have not yet completed C0 and/or C1 training, a group training session will take place in the church centre on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm. Please arrive any time after 6.30pm to get a cup of tea before we start. If you are able to join us, please contact Hannah Dallaway on 07583092209

Cursillo Thursday 9th May. Cursillo in Lichfield Diocese. With their National President Trevor King. Two Stafford taster sessions, afternoon and evening. 1.30pm at Doxey Church, or 7.30pm at the Beacon International Centre. More details at <http://bit.ly/2GUxk9H>. Book your place with richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org.

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

Bishop's Lent appeal 2019 This year's 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 Collection from the Maundy Thursday service 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.

Children's Church and Easter

14th April – Children's Church
21st April (Easter Sunday) – All Age Easter Communion
28th April – Children's Church

Easter Magazine At the back of church is an Easter Magazine for every family. Please take one. If you know someone else who would like one, please take one for them and invite them to our Easter Sunday services.

Baptisms by Immersion

We will be having baptisms by immersion the Sunday after Easter. If anyone would like to be baptised, please can they collect a form from Jim.

HOPE: Making Jesus known online

Some Videos on YouTube have an increasing influence, with some YouTubers attracting almost 90 million subscribers. HOPE is working with the charity Speak Life to encourage the creative use of video in mission. The Speak Life Foundry is a training programme to forge evangelists and evangelistic resources that bless the church and reach the world. The residential 10-month programme for interns will be run by Speak Life, which has won numerous awards for its online outreach. Find out more and how to apply at <https://speaklifefoundry.com>

Rightnow Media Lent & Easter

For Lent...

- Red Letter Challenge – Zach Zehnder

For Easter...

- The Easter Experience – Kyle Idleman [CC]

For April...

- The DNA Of Joy (Philippians) – Greg Surratt
- All The Places To Go... How Do You Know?

– John Ortberg [CC]

For Kids...

- Phil Vischer Presents: Where Does Joy Come From? Philippians

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

Called to be Me Saturday 18th May Called to be Me. A guided Quiet Day to reflect on God's Call on you. Led by DDO Revd Frances Wilson. 10am - 4pm. Cost £25 including a light lunch. The Reeve Room in Lichfield. More details and booking at www.lichfield.anglican.org/documents/called-be-me

Diocesan Renewal Network Each month the Diocesan Renewal Network (DRN) sends an email with all the renewal events across the Diocese. To receive this email Richard Barrett. To include events, email George Fisher.

Food Bank We have a collection point in church for items. Please put your donations in the box in the glassed off porch. There are leaflets with the things they require, and weekly shortages will be posted on the display and on their Facebook page @AblewellAdvice.

Baby massage a 5 week baby massage course starts at St Matthew's Church Centre on Monday 13th May from 1.00 – 2.30 pm. It costs £30. There will be a follow-on 4 week sensory play group for babies starting on Monday 24th June costing £25. If you book them together, it costs £50, saving £5. Please contact Priscilla on 07984 626637 or pick up a flyer for more details.

Easter Sunday Flowers If you have flowers that can be added to the cross on Easter Sunday morning please speak to Helen Robinson.

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.

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.

Please read and share The police are aware of the increase in needles and mess around the church as are our local Clean and Green team. The Police Officers want us to report every incident that happens however minor so they can build up a file about St Matthew's Church. This will help us access funding to combat crime and other community funding sources so it's definitely worth doing! It's very easy to do through the West Midlands Police website link below. There is also a link to Walsall Council for incidents they need to know about <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/incident-report>. To report issues to Clean and Green either phone 01922 653344 or email cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk

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.

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)
email – rector@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk

- ◇ **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:

Ben Butterfield – U18s Worker - 07917 764435
email: ben_butterfield@hotmail.com

Julia Webb – Family Support Worker - 07927 292508
email: childrensandfamilyworker@gmail.com

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 - 01022 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

