

Newsletter

Sunday 17th & 24th February



What's on this week

The office is **closed Mon 18th - Fri 22nd**, and Rev Jim is also on holiday. In an emergency please contact Judith Ridgway or Patti Lane.

- Sun 17th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Communion (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
- Mon 18th** 11.00am - Funeral of Beverlyn Williams
- Tues 19th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
- Weds 20th** 6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
- Fri 22nd** 9.30am - Church Open, cleaners and flower arrangers
6.30pm - **NO** Signs for Worship
- Sun 24th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
- Mon 25th** 9.00am - Parent Bible Study
3.30pm - Kid's Club (Centre)
3.45pm - Funeral of Brenda Bates (Streetly Crem)
NO Personnel Committee
- Tues 26th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
3.30pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Weds 27th** 9.30am - Toddlers (Church then Centre)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.30pm - Bell Ringing Practice
- Thurs 28th** 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
4.00pm - Blue Coat Trustees meeting (Federation house)
- Fri 1st** 8.20am - Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)
8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Church Open, cleaning and flower arranging
6.30pm - Signed Song Workshop (Centre)
8.00pm - Signs for Worship Walsall (Centre)
- Sun 3rd** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Baptisms (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)

Morning Prayer **No morning prayer Mon 18th-Fri 22nd Feb.**

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

Further ahead

- Mon 4th** 7.30pm - Leadership Team (Rectory)
- Wed 6th** 7.30pm - Ash Wednesday service with ashing (Church)
- Thurs 7th** 10.00am - Finance meeting (Church Centre)

For your prayers:

Pleas pray for Danny, Zimbabwe, Ebony-Mae, Hickenbottom-Marriot family, Michael, and the friends and family of Beverlyn Williams, Brenda Bates, Shaun Alleyne and Jan Webster.

Rightnow Media February Recommendations

- The Book of First Peter – Kyle Idleman [CC English and Spanish]
- The Book of Ruth – Bianca Olthoff [CC English and Spanish]
- Grace of God and Flaws of Men – Anand Mahadevan

For Kids

- Phil Vischer Presents: What is God's Plan? Ephesians

If you would like to get started with Rightnow Media please speak to Emily or email Jim or Kirsten and we can add you to the membership list.

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.

DBS requirements for Churchwarden candidates

Changes in national legislation mean people standing for election or re-election as Churchwardens must undertake an enhanced DBS check. Candidates should apply for this if standing - before the election - using the job title 'Candidate Warden'. If elected a DBS certificate number will be needed for them to be admitted. Full details are available from the Lichfield Diocesan website.

Step Forward Saturday 2nd March 2019 at Bishopthorpe Palace, York, YO23 2GE from 11am to 4pm. A day conference for those aged 18-30 considering a call to ordination. The conference will include time for worship, prayer and Bible study; an opportunity to find out what being ordained is really like; space to look at your own experience and what God might be calling you to in the future; and the chance to find out how the selection process and ordination programmes work. For more information and to book please see the Step Forward website; www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk/

Workplace Chaplaincy Training Are you a good listener? Would you like to bring your faith and understanding to the world of work? Do you live in or close to the Black Country? Could you offer a few hours a week to be a workplace chaplain, and be part of an exciting area of the church's mission? One retiring volunteer chaplain described it as the best experience in his Christian ministry. We're planning a five-week training course in basic chaplaincy skills to begin in February. Dates, times and location will be decided in discussion with those who respond. There's no upper age limit, and workplaces can often accommodate different levels of agility, but chaplains may need to spend long periods on their feet. Contact Bill Mash, on 01902 710407 for more details.

Confirmation and Communion before Confirmation At St Matthew's we usually arrange confirmation for adults and for children age 13 upwards. The next confirmation service will be in June. Some years ago, at our Annual General Meeting we also agreed to admit children from Year 3 upwards to communion before confirmation following a preparation course. There is an expectation that they will proceed to confirmation when they are at secondary school. Once admitted to communion the children will be expected to engage fully in the communion services they attend. If any child wishes to attend the preparation day, they must have their parents permission and the parent/guardian needs to speak to Jim beforehand.

Electoral Roll In a few weeks time, we will begin preparing a brand new electoral roll. This takes place once every 7 years in the Church of England. Even if you have already been on the church electoral roll, you will need to complete a brand new form, please make sure you don't forget to do this as without being on the electoral roll you will not be able to vote at our Annual General Meeting.

New Wine Celebration A New Wine local network celebration with John and Ann Coles will take place on Sat 3rd March at 7pm at St Matthew's Wolverhampton, Willenhall Road, WV1 2DN. The evening will include worship, teaching and a ministry time. All are welcome.

Baptism by immersion It is likely that we will be having some baptisms by immersion on Sunday 28th April, the Sunday after Easter. If anyone is interested in being baptised, please speak to Jim.

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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019 A pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine led by the Deans of Lichfield and Manchester takes place from 14-21 November 2019. It will take in places including the 'Via Maris', Lake Galilee, the Jordan Valley, Bethlehem and Gethsemane. There's space for over 40 pilgrims who must be relatively fit and able to walk a reasonable distance each day including getting on and off buses. For more information contact Lichfield Cathedral.

St Matthew's Church Giving

You can give direct to the church via **online banking**, a **standing order** or via 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.

Evening Celebration with Jeff

Lucas Jeff Lucas is an international author, speaker and broadcaster. His passion is to equip the Church with biblical, practical bible teaching, marked by vulnerability and humour. Date: 23rd March 2019 Time: 7.30pm Location: Lifecentral Church, Little Cornbow, Halesowen B63 3AJ. <https://lifecentral.churchsuite.co.uk/events/km3veshb>

Food Bank Thank you very much for your recent donation of 35.1kg of food to the Black Country Foodbank in January 2019, it is very much appreciated.

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.

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 – Ben Butterfield



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) to 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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Julia Webb – Family Support Worker - 07927 292508
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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.

News sheet - If you would like to receive a copy of the notices to your email address, please email the church office.

Website: www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk

