



## Sunday 18th Services

8am - BCP Communion  
9am - Parish Communion  
10.45am - Morning Praise with Holy Communion  
4.00pm - Asian Congregation  
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise

### What's on this week

- Mon 19th** 9.00am - Parent Bible Study (Church)  
3.15pm - Kids Group (Centre)  
6.30pm - Band Rehearsal (Church)  
7.30pm - PCC (Church)  
7.30pm - Children's Church Meeting (Rectory)
- Tues 20th** 10.00am - Open Church (Church)  
3.15pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Weds 21st** 9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)  
2.00pm - All Age Planning Meeting (Rectory)  
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)  
6.30pm - Blue Coat Federation Governors (Junior School)  
7.30pm - Bell Ringing Practice  
7.30pm - Alpha (Church)
- Thurs 22nd** 12.30pm - Mid-week Communion (Church)  
2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)  
4.00pm - Blue Coat Academy Governors (Academy)  
7.00pm - Blue Coat Academy Prize Giving (Church)
- Fri 23rd** 8.20am - Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)  
8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)  
9.30am - Church Open, cleaning and flower arranging
- Sat 24th** 7.00pm - Room 1 Project Worship Night (Church)
- Sun 25th** 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 (Church)

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



### For your prayers:

If you would like to complete a prayer card, they are found in the prayer chapel or email our prayer chain. Please pray for... Leanne, Briar, Daniel, and the family of Kimora.

### RightNow Media

November Recommendations:

- Alongside Sundays 10.45 Service: How To Read Genesis Parts 1 & 2 by Tim Mackie
- Halesowen Church Hill Praise: The Gospel of John Part 1 by Tony Evans
- November Recommendation: This Is The Day by Tim Tebow
- For Families: The Mr Phil Show by Phil Vischer

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, or scan the QR code.



### St Matthew's Verse for the Year 2018

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)



### LICC Equipping Disciples for the Workplace

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 1.30-3.30pm at Doxey Church (ST16 1EQ) OR 7.30-9.30pm at St Matthew Wolv (WV1 2DN). Speaker: Stefan McNally. Jim has already booked to go on the course at Doxey Church. This training is especially for those wanting to equip disciples to serve in the workplace. For more info: <http://bit.ly/2BhCv1k> Booking essential [richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org) / 01543 622592

## DATES & EVENTS

**Rotas for December and January** The Rotas for December and January are now being put together. Please add your name to the absence lists at the back of church for any dates when you are unavailable to be on the church rota over the next two months. Alternatively, email Jim with absences.

**Appreciating fostering & adoption** A special event for foster and adoptive families, including their children; for those exploring this and those who want to support it on Saturday 24 November, 4-6pm, at Lifecentral Church, Halesowen. It will include activities for children/young people, fostering/adoption stories and resources. More information available on the diocesan website.

**Reaching 20-30s** How can we encourage our churches to attract and disciple the students, young professionals, young families and singles making up the so-called 'Missing Generation'? Through seminars and talks, this free event at St Mark's Coventry on Saturday 24th November will provide practical advice and ideas to encourage churches of all traditions in their ministry to and with young adults. The day will be hosted by the Acceler8 Team who support churches across Coventry Diocese in discipling 20's and 30's. Contact Jim for more information.

**Room 1 Project - Worship Night 24<sup>th</sup> November** We're excited to invite everyone to join the Room 1 Project at St Matthew's Church, Walsall for an evening of worship! Doors open at 7pm and entry is free.

**Calling all women** Lichfield Cathedral is holding a special service of thanksgiving to commemorate the centenary of women's right to vote and be elected to Parliament on Sunday 25 November at 3pm. The Rt Hon Dame Caroline Spelman MP will preach and there will be tea and cake. Women's organisations from throughout the Diocese are being invited to the service which is open to all women, and men who support gender equality!

**Prayer Weekend** Christ Church Rectory, Blakenall Heath on the 30th Nov-2nd Dec. They are looking to hold informal worship as part of this, do be in touch if you would be willing to musically lead an hour or so. The prayer room will be open for 48hours from 6pm on Friday through to 6pm on Sunday – get in contact if you are interested to come along for half an hour (or more) to pray for Walsall and the nations.

**Advance notice – Blue Coat Festival** The annual Blue Coat Festival will take place in early February. The theme of the festival is creation with the idea that we are created by God to be creative. As part of the festival we would like to invite the many photographers from the church to display some of their work in the St Clements chapel for the duration of the festival.

## OTHER NEWS

**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 John Edlin.

**Short talks** Jim is looking to develop a team of people 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.

**Thank You** I would like to thank the people who helped me financially when I lost my purse on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jesus is wonderful! Thankyou very much. Love in Jesus, Sue Webster.

*For other news, events and updates be sure to check out the notice boards in the glass foyer.*

### 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](http://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.

### Children's Church Meeting

Children's Church Leaders and Helpers meeting will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm at the Rectory (48 Jesson Road). If you are interested in helping with the children's work on Sundays, you would be more than welcome to come, or have a chat with Priscilla Trood.

### CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2019

The next Church Weekend Away is booked for 11-13th January at Quinta. This year, we've upgraded our accommodation (we're staying in Quinta Hall - fancy!) and plan to have more activities and leisure time, but will still gather all together for teaching and worship. We really hope you can join us. Booking forms are now available! Speak to Ben.

### Thank You!

Thank you to all those people in St Matthew's congregation who were so encouraging and helpful and enthusiastic about Remembrance Sunday's concert. Without all the help we received from so many people, the project could not have happened. The collection for UNICEF Syrian appeal raised just over £1000, which was a very heartening response. Best wishes - and we hope to be able to do more at St Matthew's. Peter and Jane Morris.

### **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
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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](http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk)

