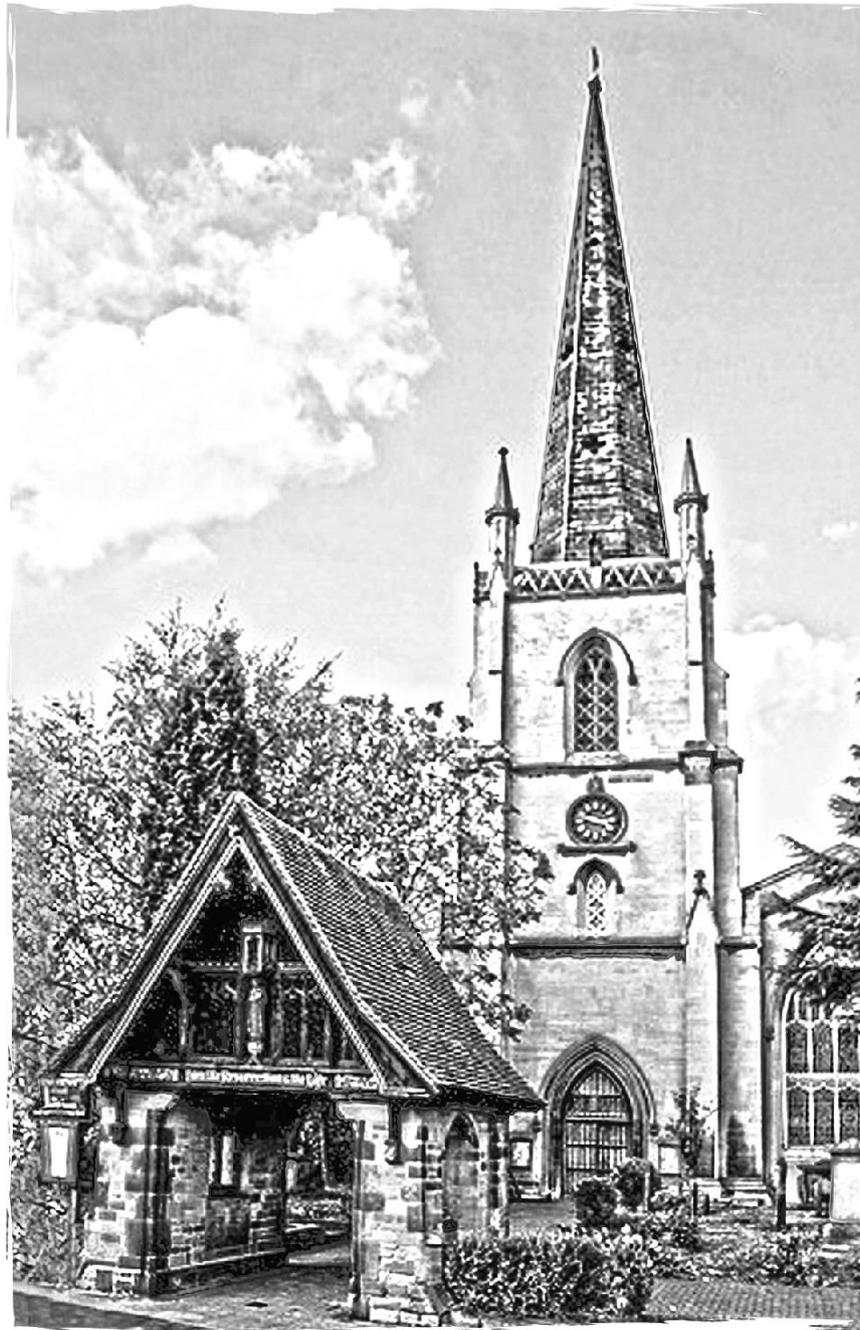


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Prayer Diary



November 2018



St. Matthew's Church – **Worshipping** God; **Equipping** his people
Growing his kingdom; **Serving** Walsall.



St Matthew's Verse for the Year 2018.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor.

Thursday, 1st. November: The Seasons.

Dear Lord, as we get ready for the long nights and cooler days of autumn and winter, we thank you for the changing seasons and for being part of your creation that is full of rhythm and cycles. We have cycles in our lives too as we evolve and move through all the amazing changes that you have in store for us. You are the architect of a world that works perfectly and we pray that we can move in harmony with all that you have planned for our lives. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Highgate Drive

Friday, 2nd. November: BIG Youth Bonfire Party

Father, we thank you for the wonderful 'BIG Youth' network of churches that work together in Walsall and the way they value the younger generation. BIG Youth has enabled hundreds of young people to meet other Christians, to hear the gospel and worship God together. We pray that as they meet tonight at Delves Baptist Church your word will be shared faithfully and relevantly. We thank you for all the youth workers who help with this group and pray that the evening will be a success, no accidents and that everyone will have a great time. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Canute Close

Saturday, 3rd. November: Thank You

Today is a good day to simply say 'thank you' to God. We all have our fears and disappointments and outright struggles. Help us to let love, faith and prayer be stronger than any of these and to put our complete trust in you, knowing that you will never fail us. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little Gorway

Sunday, 4th. November: Teach us to listen to you.

Dear Lord, as we attend church today, teach us to listen to you. The times are noisy and our ears are weary with the thousands of raucous sounds which continuously assault us. Give us the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to, "Speak, for Thy servant heareth." Let us hear you speaking in our

hearts. Let us get used to the sound of your voice, so that we recognise you when you speak to us and guide us in our daily lives. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Lincoln Road

Monday, 5th November: Kids Club

Heavenly Father, we pray that with your help this new children's group will flourish under Ben and Kenneth's care. At the moment only a few children attend and we pray that more children and parents will find out about the group and wish their children to become involved. We thank you for the enthusiasm of the children, the joy and excitement they find in singing the worship songs and hearing the bible stories. Thank you for all the volunteers who already help and we pray that a replacement for Kenneth will be found once he has to leave us. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Parklands Gardens

Tuesday 6th November: Selwyn Lecture at Lichfield Cathedral

Dear Lord, we thank you for this beautiful cathedral that is such a landmark with its spires so clearly visible as you approach Lichfield, reminding us of your presence in this city. Today's lecture topic is Faith, Politics and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism and we pray that all who attend will learn and understand more clearly the problems we have today in tolerating and living in a multi-culture society where religious beliefs and ways of worship are very different from our own. We ask that you will give us the ability to be more understanding and tolerant. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Christ Church Grove

Wednesday 7th November: Our World.

Dear Father, Almost every day we hear of terrible tragedies occurring somewhere in this beautiful world that you created. At the moment there are wars, storms, floods, earthquakes and dreadful famine in certain parts of the world. We thank you that there are people who are prepared to risk their own lives to go and help all those affected by these dreadful happenings. Please guide all those in authority, whose job it is to manage these situations and help them to find the resources and energy so that everything possible is done to relieve suffering. We pray that the leaders of all the countries currently in conflict in the Middle East will to soon resolve their differences and peace can be restored. .Amen

Please pray for the residents of Stablewood Grove

Thursday 8th November: Town Centre Ministries

Dear Lord, we pray today for all those attending this meeting. We thank you that members from the five churches in this group are able to meet together and plan events and work together for the good of our community. Please bless all who attend and give them a clear vision of all you wish them to achieve in your name. Guide them all in any decisions they have to make so that our churches can move forward in the direction you wish them to follow.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Beaconsfield Court

Friday, 9th. November: Holy Dusters and Flower Ladies.

Father, we thank you for this group of people who weekly work together to arrange flowers, dust, polish and sweep so the interior of our church will be a place that feels cared for and loved. May all that enter to meet with you feel your loving peaceful presence. Lord may you place in the minds and hearts of other members of St. Matthew's congregation to give some of their time to support this group. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Loriners Grove

Saturday, 10th. November: Youth Weekend Away.

Father, we give thanks for the many youth activities and trips away that Ben has organised for the growing number of young people who attend St. Matthew's. We pray for them this weekend as they are on a Weekend Away in Snowdonia. We give thanks for all those involved in helping through cooking, transporting with the use of Blue Coat Academy minibus and guest speakers. May they enjoy your beautiful creations through the scenery, good weather and companionship. Open up their minds and hearts to see you more clearly. Amen.

Please pray for the students on Walsall Campus, Wolverhampton University

Sunday, 11th. November: Remembrance Day and Armistice Concert.

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Imagine Peace. Lichfield Cathedral.

Father, as musicians and singers gather today to lead us in a remembrance of the Armistice 1918 we give thanks for the end of past wars and pray for the cessation of wars today. Amen.

Monday, 12th. November: Homegroup Leaders Meeting.

Father, we give thanks that you skill people to open up their homes and lead small groups in Bible study and discussion each week. As they meet to review and plan under the guidance of Priscilla and Judith, may they be refreshed in your vision for our worship. Amen
Please pray for the residents of George Street

Tuesday, 13th. November: Night Shelter.

Father, we pray for your love and protection over all involved in the Night Shelter as service users and volunteers. Amen

13th-15th. Leadership Course for Rev.Jim.

Lord, we give thanks for the ongoing commitment and dedication of Rev.Jim. We pray that you will be with him and all those attending this three day course to enable further the spread of your Holy love across the land. Amen.
Please pray for the residents of Goodall Street

Wednesday, 14th. November: Change Our Thinking.

Father, we ask that you show us what resentments we harbour, and then cleanse us. Show us what wrongs we might come against and then give us wisdom, grace and courage to begin a change. Open our hearts and minds to change our thinking to live as you did, our Lord Jesus. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Newport Street

Thursday. 15th. November: Healing.

Father, we pray for those we know who are suffering through sickness, distress or depression. Today I pray for

Calm and comfort them and give the peace only you can provide. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Bradford Street

Friday 16th November: Blue Coat Festival

We pray for the organisers of Blue Coat Festival as they meet tonight to plan next year's event. May they be blessed with a vision and insight so that the Festival is a wonderful celebration of the talents and skills of the pupils at the Blue Coat schools. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Bradford Lane

Saturday, 17th November: Alpha Away-day

Dear Lord, we thank you for everyone who has attended the Alpha course so far, and we thank you for the honesty and openness they have shown. We pray especially that you are with all who are going on the Away-day today. May it be a special day for them, when their relationship with you can grow deeper still. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Mountrath Street

Sunday, 18th November: Our services

As we meet together today, we pray dear Lord that our services will be pleasing to you. May you be the focus of our worship and our actions, and may we each hear you speaking to us through the songs, prayers, talks and conversations. Above all, may St Matthews be a place where your love shines. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Place

Monday, 19th November: The PCC

Dear Lord, as the PCC members gather this evening to discuss the future work of St Matthews, please be there in the midst of them. We can do nothing without your power, and unless you are the centre our actions are worthless. We therefore ask that you will guide the discussions and conversations so that the decisions the PCC makes are pleasing to you and accord with your will. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Walk

Tuesday, 20th November: Caldmore

We pray for the area of Caldmore that has now become part of our parish. We give thanks for the people there and the diversity it provides, and we ask that you will show us how as a church we can meet the needs of those residents. We remember especially all those who were part of your family at St Michael's, and ask that they will find new places to worship, whether with us or elsewhere, where they feel the love of your spirit and your people.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Glebe Street

Wednesday, 21st November: Junior Christian Union

We thank you Lord that so many teenagers meet together each Wednesday with Ben as the JCU group. Please bless them and help them as they navigate adolescence, and give them a boldness in their faith to stay true to you and your word when confronted by all the pressures they face. Amen

Thursday, 22nd November: the Academy prize giving

Thank you so much for the Academy, and the wonderful and dedicated work of its teachers, staff and governors. May this evening's prizegiving be a real celebration of all the good things the school does in developing and nurturing its pupils. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Mount Street

Friday, 23rd November: Alison Giblett

We remember Alison who works for you in the Ukraine. Dear God we pray that you will direct her work as she tries to reach out to those who have been hurt by addictions and destructive habits. We give thanks especially for the new church she is involved in establishing, and ask that God gives wisdom to all involved in leading that fellowship. Amen

Please pray for the residents of White Street

Saturday, 24th November: Free to Be Yourself!

Father we live in a world of peer pressure. Others set the standard and we wear it, drive it, quote it or do it. Help us Father to be the person you want us to be and live our lives as you want. Help us to be content with the gifts you have given us ('A man must be content to receive the gift which is given him from heaven'. John 3:27), and use them fully as you intend. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Brace Street

Sunday, 25th November: Formula for Happiness.

'Time and chance happen to them all'. (Ecclesiastes 9:11 NIV)

We pray for understanding when tragedies happen, when some people are starving in the world and others not. Why the young and innocent die and some people thrive on doing evil? Help us to live with unanswered questions knowing that we can trust you with all our heart and know that you are fully in control. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Corporation Street

Monday, 26th November: Distractions in Life.

Father we have so many distractions in life, so much noise, that our attention is so often divided. Help our hearts and minds be wholly yours and for us to try and stay focussed on you when our attention strays. We know that whatever happens in our lives that you are always faithful and present. Thank you Father. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Waterly Lane

Tuesday, 27th November: Younger Youth Club.

Father, we give thanks for Ben, Kenneth, Hannah and Kirsten for giving their time on Tuesdays to share their faith and the good news about You. Thank you for the growing numbers and for the enthusiasm and willingness of the children to invite more of their friends. We pray that the children will open their lives to you and decide to follow Jesus. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Tasker Street

Wednesday, 28th November: Home Groups.

We pray for all the home groups that operate throughout the week, enabling us to learn more about you and to replenish our love and faith in you as life takes its toll. Thank you for all those who prepare the material for the evening and for the hosts who open their homes and provide refreshments to allow this to happen. We ask for your Holy Spirit to be present as we meet together in your name. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Woodcutter Close

Thursday, 29th November: New Wine Leaders Network Meeting.

Dear Lord, we give thanks for all those who organise this wonderful time of worship, teaching and fellowship, enabling leaders to communicate effectively the good news of God's promises in our generation. We ask that the meeting held today will be fruitful, that Your will, will be achieved and the meeting will be successful. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Midland Road

Friday, 30th November: Pastoral Care.

Dear Lord, we pray for all those who are involved with pastoral care. Thank you for their willingness to help others in times of need and the love that they show for one another. Please help them to remain humble, faithful and filled with the Spirit especially when times get hard and the burdens of care seem heavy. We ask that in times such as these you will raise up colleagues to support them. Amen

Please pray for the residents of South Street