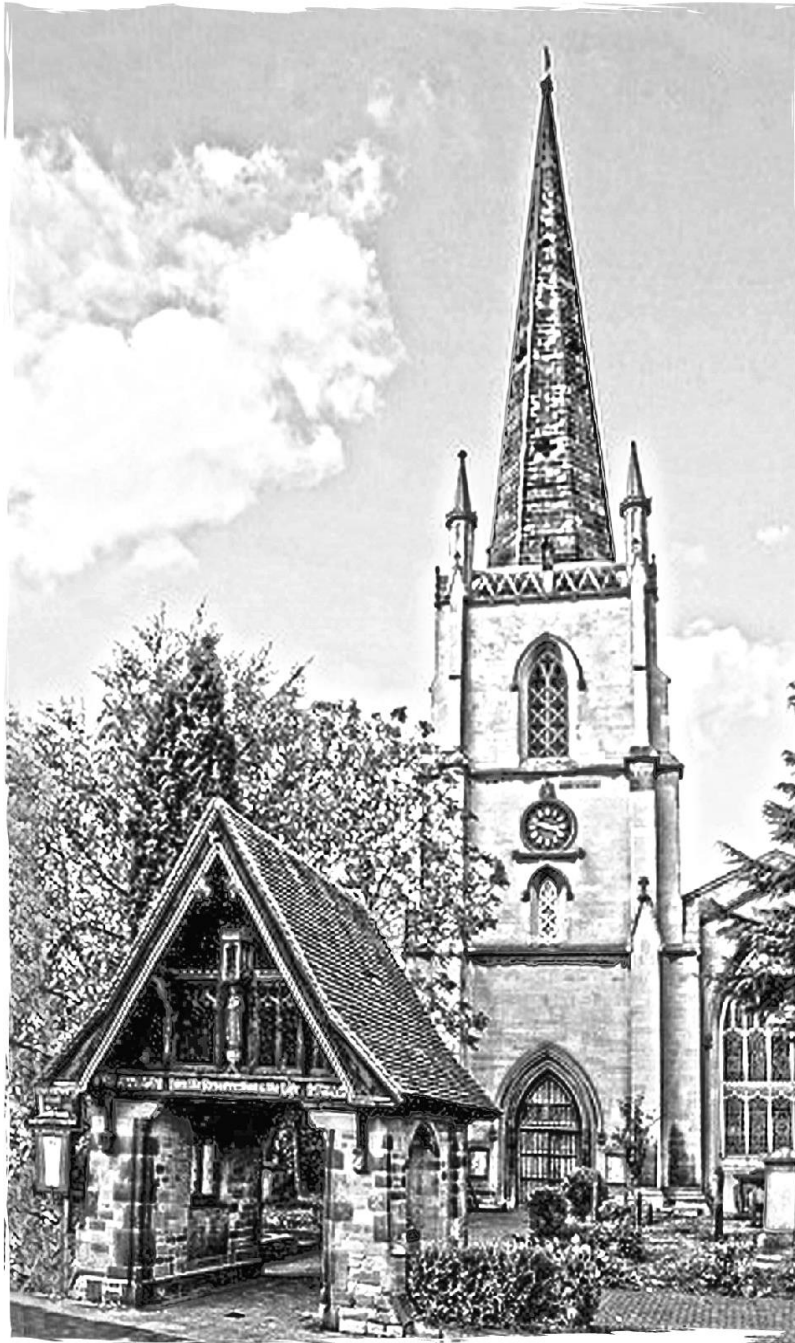


# St matthews church

## *Prayer Diary*



**July/August 2019**



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



## **St. Matthew's Verse for the Year 2019.**

**We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78:4**

### **Monday 1st July: Homegroup Leaders Meeting**

Dear Father, we thank you for our Home Groups, for all those people who meet together to learn more about you and share in fellowship and friendship. We pray for the support they give to each other. We thank you for the leaders of each of these groups and pray especially for Enid and Judith for all the work they do in our church. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Glebe Street

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: For Caring, Patience and Kindness.**

Lord Jesus, we know that you are always watching over us and care so much about us. Help us always to show the same kindness and patience to others. We all lead such busy lives and when we are under pressure we sometimes forget that our actions and words do affect other people. Help us to be more caring like you and to be mindful of all we say and do. Help us to be slow to judge and quick to forgive. Help to show patience, empathy and love to all. Please Lord, help us to accept people as they are and to love them whatever we see as their faults. Give us the sensitivity to see and the generosity to help any that need our support. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hart Street

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Love Black Country Leaders Breakfast & Blue Coat Foundation Governors Meeting**

Dear Lord, please make your presence felt at this breakfast meeting today. This group aims to equip the church to reach out to people of the Black Country for Christ and to transform our communities. We pray that they will continue to have plenty of ideas on how to ensure the success of this initiative. We also give thanks for all our Blue Coat Schools. As the governors meet today, we ask that you will guide them and pray that they may bring reflection and wisdom to the meeting and to always have in mind your will for the well being and future of these schools. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Mount Street

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Town Centre Churches Ministry Meeting**

Dear Lord, we pray today for all those attending this meeting. 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

### **BIG Youth Core Planning Meeting.**

We pray that your Holy Spirit will fill those who will be involved in planning Walsall-wide BIG Youth events for 2019-20. May you inspire those to inspire young to come to know you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of White Street

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: WASUP event at Walsall College.**

Dear Lord, we give thanks to you for the beautiful world that you have created for us to live in. Our actions are now putting this planet under serious risk and we need to do something about it. We ask you to guide people to this meeting so that they may learn how our actions can affect the future of our world and what we can do to save it and stop the whole world being stifled by the continued manufacture and use of plastics. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Brace Street

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Midlands Youth Conference & Encore Concert**

Father, the next generation are our hope for the word of your ever present love to be heard by nations. We pray today that there will be leaders who will address the Youth Conference and share the success of their work and so inspire others. Amen

We also pray for the success of the concert in church tonight and thank you to watch over all those involved. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Corporation Street

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Our Non- Clergy Church Leaders & Helpers**

Dear Father, we thank you for all the people who work and help in the running of St. Matthew's Church. There are so many jobs to be done behind the scenes and we pray for our wardens, cleaners and all those who work so tirelessly in the office to make sure that all runs smoothly. We also thank you for those people who read the lessons, lead services, lead children's groups, serve in our communion services, welcome visitors to our services and all the many other roles that are so important. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Waterly Lane

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Kid's Clubs, For Guidance**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending more children to our Monday and Tuesday Clubs so that both are able to continue and flourish. As we will soon be closing for the summer holidays, we ask you to be with all the children that attend, and to bring them back to us when the clubs start again in September. Thank you for Ben and all the work he does with the children and youth within our church. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Tasker Street

### **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>. July: Prayer.**

Father forgive us when our prayers ramble, help us to speak with you as we would to our most treasured friend. Help us to discuss what is on our hearts and then spend time listening and reflecting on your words. Help us to be honest and specific and confess all that we have done wrong and to ask for forgiveness. You are an amazing God, let us never forget. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Woodcutter Close

### **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>. July: Toddlers Group Service.**

Father, we pray for those parents and carers who will bring their toddlers into church today for this special service. May the joy these young children bring into our lives be felt by all who are present and that they may be filled with joy of the Holy Spirit too. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Midland Road

### **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>. July: Blue Coat Federation Summer Fayre.**

May the sun shine down on all those who are involved in the summer fayre today. May it be a joyful occasion when children and parents enjoy the activities organised by the school staff and PTA's.

#### **Blue Coat Academy Prize Giving.**

Father, we pray for your presence at this annual event when the work and achievements of the pupils over the academic year are recognised. We give thanks that at this multi-ethnic school the Christian values are taught and upheld strongly by the Principal and the staff. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of South Street

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>. July: Our Children**

Dear Father, as many children will be leaving school this month and moving onto work or university, we pray for their futures and that with your help they will be able to achieve all their plans and ambitions. Many younger children will be moving to senior schools and we ask that you to watch over them as they visit their new schools. These changes can be worrying and we ask that, once they move, you help them to settle quickly, find new friends and get used to a new routine.

Please pray for the residents of Camben Street

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup>. July: Be With Us Always.**

Lord in your kindness, show us if the silent, invisible cloud of idolatry is seeping over our lives like carbon monoxide, silently to asphyxiate the vitality of our walk with you. As your servant David prayed so we do also, 'Cleanse me, take not your Holy Spirit from us'. Thank you Lord, for your constant love and forgiveness. May we always look to you for our guidance. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Rutter Street

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>. July: Those Bereaved.**

Dear Lord, please be with all those who are saddened and suffering because of the loss of a loved one. Help them to cherish the memories they have, and we pray that you will give them the strength to live with their loss and to trust in your love that will enfold them, and all dear to them, throughout eternity.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Sprout Lane

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>. July: PCC**

Father, we ask for your guidance for the members of our PCC, for our wardens and the church officers. We pray for those you want to represent your work and lead our church and that your blessings will pour onto them as they carry out their duties. Thank you for these people who want to share their time and talents in furthering your work. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Milton Street

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July: Jim's course**

Dear God, please be with Jim and all the other clergy on this week's Strategic Leadership Course. We ask that the teaching they hear may be practical, helpful and, above all, focussed on you, and may they return empowered and refreshed to lead their fellowships. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Junction Street

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July: This year's charities**

We praise you Lord for the wonderful work being done by the charities we are to support this year: in Walsall The Vine, Ablewell Advice, Love Walsall, in the UK the translation of the Bible into sign language, and across the world St Patrick's Church in Malaysia, Open Door, Mission Aviation Fellowship and the Evanses training pastors in Southern Africa. We thank you for the tremendous ways these organisations and people are spreading your kingdom, and we pray that you will bless and guide each one of them over the year ahead. Amen

Please pray for the residents of South Street Gardens

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July: Tomorrow's wedding between Sara Nehmat and Sharon (Shaz) Yousuf.**

Dear Lord, we ask you will bless Sara and Shaz as they get married tomorrow. We thank you that they want to make their vows before you, and we pray that ahead of them they will have a life of love - love for each other, love for their families, love for others and love for you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Thorpe Road

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July: Blue Coat School Assemblies**

Dear Lord, may the Academy and Junior School assemblies in church today be fantastic times of celebration. We thank you that our church will twice be packed with so many children, and we pray that in those services the wonderful good news you have to offer them touches the pupils' hearts.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Arundel Street

### **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July: Start of school holidays**

As the school holidays start we thank you for all who work in our schools in this parish and this town, and may staff and pupils alike have a restful and safe break over the summer. We pray especially for those who are leaving schools, and ask you will be with them as they prepare themselves for jobs, apprenticeships, colleges or new schools. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Arundel Street

### **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July: Modern-day slavery**

As we think about this painful and harrowing subject today, we pray dear Lord that you will be with those who are held in slavery today around the world. Let them feel your presence in their captivity so they don't feel alone. Please comfort them, give them hope and bring them justice. We pray too that you will show us what we can do, and how we can help and support them. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Brookhouse Road

### **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Wardens' meeting**

We ask dear God that you will bless the wardens and Jim as they meet tonight. Thank you so much for the tireless and dedicated work of our wardens who do so much for St Matthews, and we pray that this evening they will be able to see clearly your way and your will. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Cornwall Road

### **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July: A new God-given day**

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning; its time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord O my soul. Amen*

Please pray for the residents of Edinburgh Road

### **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July: Show God's Love.**

'If you love only the person who loves you.....you are no better than other people', (Matthew 5:46-47) Dear Lord, help us to love those who are in need and whom are different to ourselves. Help us to engage with people from different backgrounds and different ideas to us and to care as Jesus did. Jesus took time to talk with people from all walks of life, help us to do the same. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Orwell Road

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July: Trust God & Step Out In Faith.**

Dear Lord, we pray for courage to step out in faith and take a risk. We know Lord that if we begin tasks which you have given to us, you will always see us through. Help us to push boundaries and try things which might fail, knowing that you are with us always. Help us to remember that failure is a delay not defeat, a temporary detour not a dead-end street. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Boscobel Road

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July: Home Group Leaders.**

We give thanks for all the home group leaders who open their homes for us to share the gospel during the week. We pray for the Holy Spirit to stir their hearts and minds as they prepare the sessions and continue to help us to grow in our knowledge and faith. Thank you that we are able to openly worship you and remember Christians in other parts of the world who are unable to share this precious time. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Princes Avenue

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July: St Matthew's Summer Camp at Naturally Supernatural.**

Father, we ask for your blessings on the families of our church as they embark on six days of prayer, worship and fun filled activities. May your Holy Spirit pour down on all them, the young people, leaders and organisers from across the country. Protect them from harm and may the weather be good as they camp outdoors. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of The Crescent

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July: Church Hill Praise.**

We give thanks for all the different services that operate at St Matthew's and especially for the diversity in teaching, praising and serving you, shown throughout these services. Father we pray that more musicians will join the existing team and more people will attend. Thank you for all those that lead these services, for the musicians and for all those behind the scenes. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Magdalene Rd

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July. God's Word.**

Father God, help us to love your Word, delight in your Word, feast on your Word, meditate on your Word and above all act on all that we hear. Father help us to be the ones thoroughly equipped for every good work through your



all – sufficient Word. Cultivate in our lives an appetite and desire to crave your Word above all things and then to share all that we have learnt with others. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Keble Grove

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July: Holidays.**

We pray for all those going on holiday or staying at home but away from work or school. We pray for all those facing challenges and pray that they will not lose sight of your love. Help us to remember that with you in our lives we can sing in the storms and be glad in you. Help us to sing today regardless whether we have sun or rain in our lives at present but to fix our eyes on Jesus. Amen

Please pray for the residents of St Catharine's Close

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July: End of Summer Camp.**

Father, we pray for all those returning home from their experiences at Naturally Supernatural camp. Embolden them to speak out to those they meet and so spread the word of your mighty deeds. Amen

Please pray for the residents of New College Close

**There will be no full prayer diary for August but please pray for the events and occasions below alongside your daily prayers for the life and work of St. Matthew's Church.**

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>. August: Wedding Caroline Taylor and Andrew Stevenson.**

Father, we pray that Caroline and Andrew have a special day. Thank you that they have chosen to take their marriage vows before you. May their lives together be blessed and that you will be with them as their rock and their guide in the good and sometimes difficult times they may meet in married life. May their families and friends who come to support them also feel the power of your love in their lives. Amen

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>. - to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>.August. Soul Survivor.**

Father, we pray for your power and inspiration to pour down on all those attending at one of the four events across the country. Amen

**August 18<sup>th</sup>. Emily Reynolds Licensing at St John's, Pleck.**

Father, we pray for your blessings and support as Emily moves on as a Curate at St Paul's, The Crossing to her new parish as Vicar at St. John's, Pleck. Amen

**August 15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>.** Exam result days for all those students who have been studying for A Levels and G.C.S.E.'s. at Blue Coat Academy.

**Wednesday,21<sup>st</sup>. August. Evening Prayers for Bell Ringers (AGM)**

We give thanks and praise for those who ring out the bells of St Matthew's throughout the year. Amen