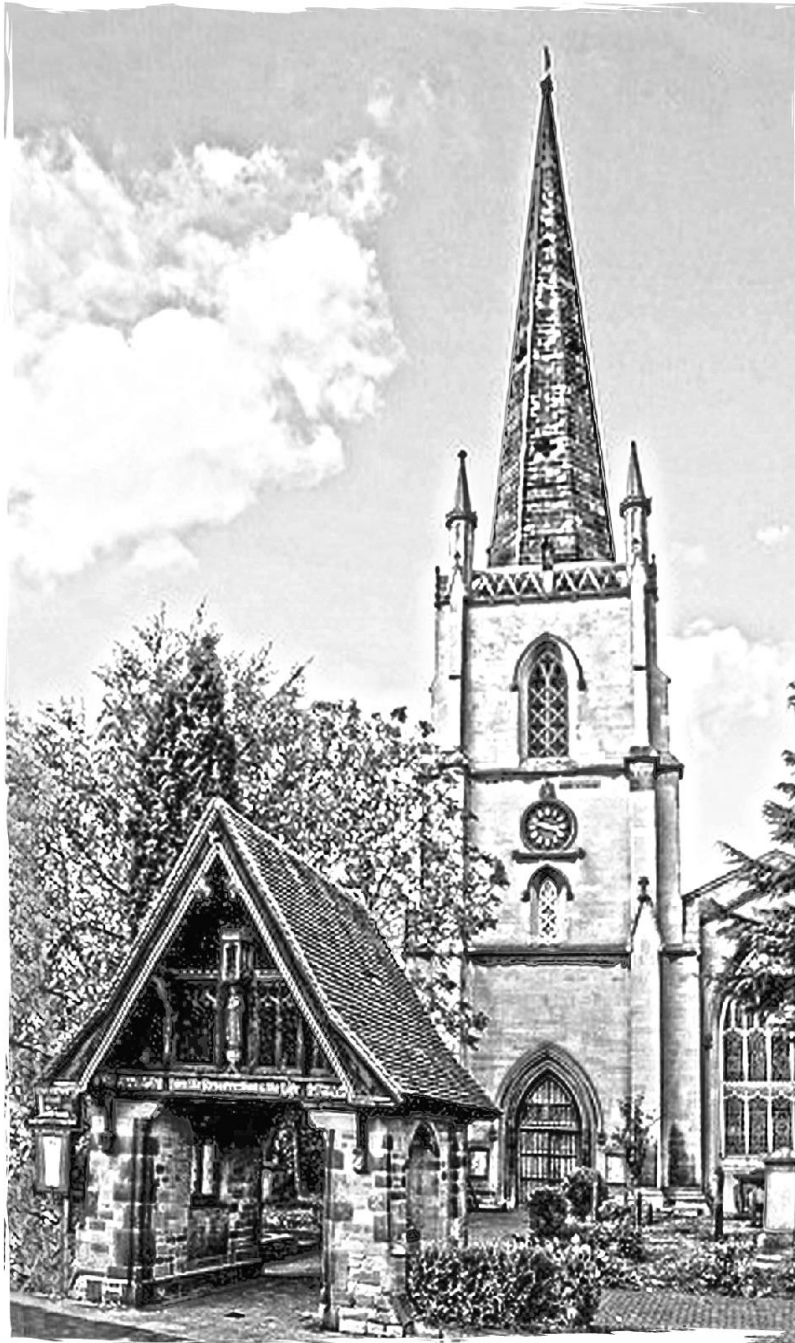


# St matthews church

## *Prayer Diary*



**June 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**

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup>. June: Harmony**

Dear Father, we pray today for your guidance and help that we might all live together in harmony. 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 Little Newport Street

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>. June: Peace within**

Almighty God, give us today calmness within so that tension will go away and help us to be at peace with one another. May we come to you in Church today, with openness and without fear or reproach? As we have so freely received from you, help us to give freely of ourselves. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Sister Dora Gardens

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>. June: Standing Committee Meeting.**

Dear Father, please bless all the members of Standing Committee and Leadership Team as they meet today. We thank you for all the time and dedication they give to serve you in this way. Guide them all in any decisions they have to make so that our church can move forward in the direction you wish it to follow. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little Caldmore

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>. June: Kids Club and Younger Youth**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending more children to our Monday and Tuesday Clubs so that both are able to continue and flourish. We ask you to be with all the children that attend, and their families, and pray that with your help even more children and parents will find out about these groups and wish to become involved. 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 Hayden Sander Square

### **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June: Blue Coat Foundation Meeting, Toddler Group Trip.**

Dear Lord, we give thanks for all our Blue Coat Schools and pray for all those attending this meeting today. Thank you for their dedication and ask that you give them the wisdom to decide what is important to pursue with time, effort and money.

We also ask you to be with all the members of our Toddler Group as they visit Umberslade Farm today. We pray that the weather is fine and they all enjoy their day out, spending time together in friendship and fellowship. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Buckle Close

### **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June: Love Walsall Breakfast, Blue Coat Academy Governors and Deanery Synod Meetings, OWLS Trip**

Dear Lord, on this really busy day in our Church today, we pray for all those attending these meetings and activities. We thank you that we have so many people who are prepared to give up their time and get involved in helping others in our community and in that way, are also serving you. We pray that the OWLS trip to the Tissington Well Dressings will be a great success and all who attend will have a great day out together. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Bridge Street

### **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June: Big Youth**

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 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 and that everyone will have a great time. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Ablewell Street

### **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June: For Guidance**

Eternal God and wise Father, please give us the wisdom to know what is most important for us to pursue with our time, efforts, and money. Please bless us with your holy wisdom, so that we may invest our life in what is truly meaningful and live to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Please pray for the residents of Ridgewood Close

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>. June: Love Walsall Pentecost Praise Service.**

We sing and shout praise to your name, Father. May the ecumenical service at St Matthew's this evening be filled with your Holy Spirit. As churches across Walsall come together to welcome the breath of fresh air of your Holy Spirit, in our worship, in our hearts, in our relationships and in our town may the flames of faith be fanned. As we open the doors of the church may the Holy Spirit flow like a river down Church Hill and across our town. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Draymans Close

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>. June: Staff Team Meeting, Leadership Team Meeting.**

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;*

*I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.*

*Thou my great Father, thine own may I be,*

*Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.*

Second verse of Be Thou My Vision.

May your vision, Lord, be in the minds and hearts of those at the meetings today. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Highgate Close

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>. June: Love Black Country NextGen Equip Night.**

Father, be with the youth and kids workers from across Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley and Wolverhampton and particularly Ben, as they gather to pray for the next generation. The next generation are our hope to carry the message of your love for us all. Inspire and energise these leaders through difficult times and limited resources. Fill them afresh with you Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Highgate Drive

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>. June: Week of Prayer for Older People.**

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who live alone or in residential homes in our parish. We ask that you give support to those who are physically weak and comfort to those who find life so confusing due to declining age. We give thanks for parents and grandparents that have led us to find you Lord and now may they find reassurance in the knowledge of your ever present love in their lives. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Canute Close

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>. June: Walsall Clergy Chapter Meeting.**

Father, we ask for your blessings and protection on our clergy as they attend this meeting today. May there be a strong knowledge of your presence so discussions and decisions are Holy Spirit led. We give thanks for Rev Jim, for his enthusiastic commitment to our church and the greater area of Walsall.

Amen

Please pray for the students on Walsall Campus, Wolverhampton University

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>. June: Homeless and Rough Sleepers.**

Father, we pray for those in our town of Walsall that are living in sub-standard housing or rough sleeping in disused buildings or doorways and are driven to beg on the streets to feed their habit for drugs or alcohol. When the weather is cold these in our community are at the forefront of our minds but many are still surviving like this throughout the warmer months. We pray that those civic leaders of our town will continue to have compassion to offer help and support. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Lincoln Road

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>. June: Town Centre Ministry, "Party at the Crossing"**

Father, we pray for the success of this annual witness of our faith in the celebration outside St Paul's Church at the Crossing. May those who are weekly shopping or using the bus station hear and come to engage with the activities. May those who run stalls selling cakes, organising the tombola, choir groups and musicians all shine out in your love and may the sun shine down too. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Parklands Gardens

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>. June: Trinity Sunday.**

As we reflect upon the relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we pray for families around the world which are not together because of war, poverty and strife. We ask that relationships will be restored. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Christ Church Grove

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup>. June: The Foodbank**

Father, we give thanks for the foodbanks in Walsall that support those going through difficult times and need food for their families and themselves. We pray for all who, for whatever reason, are reliant on the foodbanks and we ask that it can help and serve them in a gracious and loving way. We

remember to the organisers, please give them wisdom and help them with the running and funding. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Stablewood Grove

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>. June: Our growing faith**

*Lord, I believe in you – increase my faith. I trust in you – strengthen my trust. I love you – let me love you more and more. I am sorry for my sin – deepen my sorrow. Guide me by your wisdom, correct me with your justice, comfort me with your mercy and protect me with your power. Amen (Pope Clement XI)*

Please pray for the residents of Beaconsfield Court

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup>. June: 7 Marks of a Healthy Church.**

- Heavenly Father,  
Thank you that you are God of new beginnings. We ask that you will transform your church and inspire us by your love.
- Give us a renewed vision for St Matthew's Church. On this journey, may we travel light and live increasingly by faith, holding on firmly to that which is important to you.
- Inspire, enliven and empower us with your Holy Spirit, so that as we explore your calling on our lives, we may be sustained by the life of Jesus, our example and our Saviour. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Loriners Grove

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>. June: George Fisher's Retirement Celebration Service.**

Father, we give our heartfelt thanks the work of George across the diocese, he has encouraged so many people both congregation members and the clergy. We have been particularly blessed that St. Matthew's church was George's base church and have hugely benefitted from his regular preaching across all our services. We pray now for George and Joan as they move to the south of England to be nearer their family. Embrace them in your loving arms as we will hold them in our hearts. May the service this evening be a fitting celebration. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little Gorway

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>. June: Blue Coat Festival Planning Meeting.**

Almighty God, we give thanks for all our Blue Coat Schools. As all those involved in the planning of the Festival meet today, we ask that you will give them the imagination and enthusiasm to organise this Festival and pray that the meeting will go well. Please give them the courage to trust you in all that they do and decide. This festival is one of the highlight of our Church year and we pray that it continues to be such a success. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of your road and neighbours.

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. June: Innovation Mission.**

Father we give thanks for the three young members of our church that have stepped out in faith to take part in the diocese-run youth leadership training. As they complete the final session today we ask that you will fill them with the confidence and skills to undertake this work in your name. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of George Street

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>. June: Cluster Confirmation Service at St. John's, Pleck.**

Dear Lord, we pray for all those being confirmed today and ask that your Holy Spirit will be amongst all the candidates and the congregation. We pray that all those standing firm in their love for you today will feel blessed, bold and empowered to speak your name and share their love of you with those they meet in their daily lives. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Goodall Street

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June: Children's Church Leaders Meeting.**

We pray for your guidance as the helpers and leaders meet this evening to discuss topics for future sessions in children's church. Thank you for Priscilla for her leadership and support in the running of the sessions. May more children come to St Matthew's and enjoy the companionship and fun whilst learning more about you. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Newport Street

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June: Younger Youth / Places of Welcome.**

Dear Lord, we give thanks for these initiatives running as part of St Matthew's. Thank you for all those who volunteer to help at these sessions and give their time to talk, listen, play or to whatever role is required. We pray that more youngsters will come and enjoy meeting together at the centre and for all those attending 'Places of Welcome', will feel welcomed and cared about. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Street

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June: Diocesan Synod.**

Dear Lord we pray for all the people who are part of this body of the church. We ask that they will all be completely tuned into you, and your will, will be played out in all they discuss. Be with each and every one of them and may you bless and guide them in their thinking. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Lane

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June: Holy Dusters/ Flower Ladies.**

Dear Lord we thank you for all the many people who give their time to keep our church clean and decorated with flowers. Thank you for their dedication and love for you and may they know they are very much appreciated in all that they do. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Mountrath Street

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June: Signs for Worship.**

We pray for Colin and all those who attend Friday evenings, learning how to worship you in sign language. Thank you for the time they give in attending other churches showing their skills and thank you that Colin started this group and regularly signs on Sunday's at St Matthew's. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Place

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. Ordination Service.**

Father we bring all those who are being ordained before you now. We pray that your Holy Spirit will be with them throughout the service and then continue to dwell with them always. We give thanks especially to Chris Lane as we have been privileged to watch and hear him grow in his service to you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Walk

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June: Baby Dedication Service.**

Dear Lord we pray for Jake's dedication service held in St Matthew's today. We give thanks for the support of Beth & Mike in so many activities and duties they undertake in the running of our church. Please bless this family, be with Mike & Beth as they encourage Jake to come to know you and may they all feel love and supported. Amen