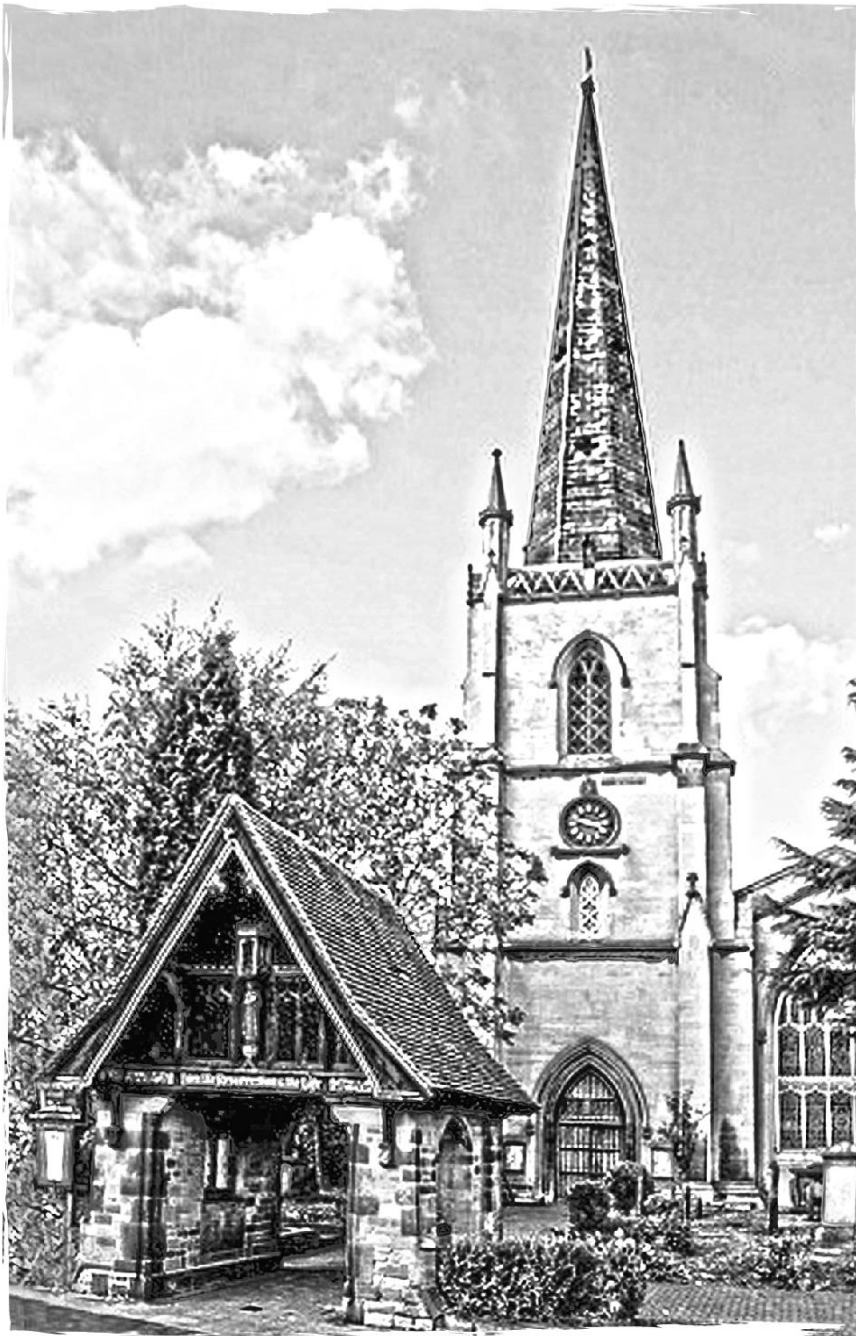


# St matthews church

## *Prayer Diary*



**March 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**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March: World Day of Prayer**

Dear Father, as women around the world pray together on the theme 'Come – Everything is Ready', we think of all those women who do not feel part of your family. This is a women led global movement and this year has been written by the women of Slovenia. Help them to feel your love and to know how important they are you. They are all your children and you are aware of their vulnerability, loneliness and fear and offer them welcome, acceptance forgiveness and love. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Loriners Grove

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Our weekends**

Dear Lord, we thank for our weekends, for the break from work that enables us to spend time with our friends and family and to go to church to praise and thank you. We pray for all those who have to work on Saturdays and Sundays. You laboured for six days to create our world and rested on the Sabbath. Help us to remember you in our leisure time. Amen.

Please pray for the students on Walsall Campus, Wolverhampton University

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Our Church**

Holy Father, as we attend services today, let the peace of our church surround us as we pray. Let the hurry and worry of life fall away from us. We are all your children and know you love us and care for us. You are here with us now and always. Help us to speak to you thoughtfully and to allow time for you to speak to us. Lord, you know how busy we are and if we forget you, we know that you will not forget us. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of your road and neighbours.

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Kids Club**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending more children to our Monday Kid's Club so that the Club is able to continue. 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 the group 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 George Street

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Open Church**

Dear Father, we thank you that we have sufficient volunteers so that we can now keep our church open for more hours each week so that more people are able to visit. We thank you for their commitment and dedication to our church and pray that new volunteers will come forward to assist them. Help us not to take people and gifts for granted and to appreciate all that is done for us. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Goodall Street

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Ash Wednesday**

Dear Lord, as we start the season of Lent we think of you as you were tempted in the wilderness in preparation for your sacrifice for us in Jerusalem. Help us to resist temptation and forgive us for all the times that we have let you down by not doing the things you wish us to do. At this time of reflection bring us the blessings of your forgiveness and help us to realise that you love us despite all our faults. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Newport Street

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Finance Meeting**

Dear Father, please bless all the members of St. Matthews Finance Committee as they meet today. We thank you for all the time and dedication they give to serve you in this way.

**Funeral of Shaun Alleyne.** We also ask you to be with all the friends and family of Shaun Alleyne, whose funeral takes place this morning. Please support them all at this time of sadness. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Street

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: A Prayer for Forgiveness**

God of love, the true sun of the world, eternally risen and never going down; in your mercy shine into our hearts, that the night of sin and the mists of error being banished, we may, this day and all our life, walk without stumbling along the way which you have set before us. Amen *Erasmus (1466-1536)*

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Lane

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>. March: Wedding Enquires:**

Dear Father, we pray for all those who are planning to be married in St Matthew's Church. Please be with them all as they consider taking this huge step in their lives. May their desire to be married in your presence be the overwhelming reason. Help them to know that you are always with them and to let them feel your love and support. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Mountrath Street

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>. March: Who we mix with**

*There were plenty of tax collectors sitting with Jesus and his disciples (Mark 2 v15)*

Dear God, you are a God who loves all, no matter what their background, race or religion. May we as a church and we as individuals, be challenged by Jesus' actions to reach out to those we do not normally mix with and welcome those who otherwise may be overlooked by society. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Place

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>. March: Love Walsall Breakfast.**

Dear Lord, please make your presence felt at this breakfast meeting today. As this group aims to equip the church to reach out to people of the Black Country for Christ and pray to see our communities transformed, may all that attend; bring reflection and wisdom to the meeting and plenty of ideas on how to ensure the success of this initiative. Amen

**PCC.** We pray too that you will bless the PCC meeting tonight. May you be the centre of all their discussions to fulfil our aim of Worshipping, Equipping, Growing and Serving you in St Matthew's. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Walk

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup>. March: Blue Coat Infants Assembly.**

Father, we give thanks for the Blue Coat schools and their links to St Matthew's church. We ask that as Rev Jim speaks to the children and staff of the infants and juniors during their assemblies this week; you will speak through him and open their minds and hearts to respond. Amen

**Deanery Synod.**

Dear Lord, we pray today for all those attending this meeting. Please bless all who attend and give them a clear vision of the work you call them to achieve in your name.

Please pray for the residents of Glebe Street and those who use the Glebe Centre.

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>. March: Healing.**

Father, we pray for healing for those in our church family, personal families and friends who need your healing hand and arms around them. Whether it is physical or emotional healing we pray for .....

May they feel you by their side and give us your words of comfort. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hart Street

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>. March: Town Centre Ministries meeting.**

Father, we give thanks for the Town Centre Ministry team and for all it does to ensure a united Christian presence in the centre of Walsall. As it meets today please give its members wisdom and vision so they can ensure this ministry continues in a fresh and meaningful way.

**Funeral.** We pray for the family and friends of Jan Webster today. May they find comfort in the words spoken and music played. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Mount Street

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>. March: Encouragement**

*A sower went out sowing. Some seed fell beside the path...other seed fell on stony ground...other seed fell among thorns and other seed fell on good soil (Mark 4 v 3-8)*

It can be so discouraging when those we tell of you do not seem to respond to your message. At those times Lord please help us not to get downhearted. Like the sower may we continue sowing the good news of you and pray that in time fruit of thirty, sixty and a hundredfold will come forth. Amen

Please pray for the residents of White Street

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>. March: Council Meeting**

Father, at the beginning of a new financial year many decisions have to be made preparing for budget setting by local councils. We pray that at Walsall Council meetings the focus will be on supporting those in greatest need in our borough. With reducing financial resources may the elderly, homeless, health and education be supported and protected. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Brace Street

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>. March: The family of St Matthew's**

Dear God, we are so grateful for the family of Christians who meet at St Matthew's. We thank you for the love and constancy and support they offer, and we thank you too for the spiritual help they provide. Please bless all that

are in that fellowship we pray and may they each continue to shine as lights for you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Corporation Street

### **Monday, 18th. March: Meetings**

Dear Lord, we bring before you today's Staff meeting, when those employed by St Matthew's come together. We pray to for the Homegroup Leaders' meeting this evening. We thank you for the commitment of all involved. May both meetings be a time of love and encouragement and in each case may your will and your way be sought. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Waterly Lane

### **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March: Strategic Leadership and Development Course**

Father, as Jim attends this course over the next few days it is such an exciting opportunity for him to explore ways of developing St Matthew's. May he feel you close to him and be recharged spiritually during this time, We ask too that in the discussions and through prayer you speak to him and show him the areas in which you want St Matthews to develop. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Tasker Street

### **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>. March: Thankfulness**

*Jesus said 'How many loaves have you got?'. They said 'Five and a couple of fish'. He took the loaves and fish, blessed the bread, broke it and gave it to the crowd. Everyone ate and had plenty. The number of men who had eaten was 5,000' (Mark 6 v38-44)*

Dear Lord, as individuals and as a church fellowship, help us not to focus on what we haven't got, but rather let us be thankful for what we have and offer it to you to work with. Please let us trust that in your hands small things can produce wondrous results. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Woodcutter Close

### **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>. March: Leaders**

*Jesus appointed 12, naming them apostles (Mark 3 v14)*

With pray for those who are leading our fellowship, remembering especially Jim and George, the wardens, the leadership team and the PCC. We pray that you will give them wisdom in their decisions and boldness in their faith, so that St Matthew's will continue to follow you way Amen

Please pray for the residents of Midland Road

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. March: Street Ministry Witness.**

*John the Baptist appeared in the desert announcing baptism and the forgiveness of sins. The whole of Judea and everyone in Jerusalem went out to him (Mark 1 v4-5)*

Thank you Lord that our church is so prominent within the town. We ask that through our love, our worship, our faith and witness we too may be able to draw many people to us to hear the good news about you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of South Street

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>. March: Peace and Harmony**

God and Father of mankind, who in your love made all the nations of the world to be one family; help those of different races to love and understand one another better. Take away hatred, jealousy and prejudice, so that all may work together for the coming of your kingdom of righteousness and peace.

Amen *Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)*

Please pray for the residents of Camben Street

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March: Sunday Services.**

We give thanks for all the services that are offered every Sunday at St Matthew's and for the wonderful teaching that is given. We give thanks for all those involved with the services, for the sermons, the prayers, the sound operatives, wardens, bell ringers and refreshment providers. Thank you to all our clergy especially to Jim as he continues to lead us in your ways. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Rutter Street

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March: Children's Church / Mentor Meeting.**

Dear Lord, We give thanks for Priscilla and all the leaders and helpers who bring your words to life in the Sunday sessions. Father we pray that more children will become involved with Church but know that so many other activities pull at their attention. Father guide the leaders that they may lay your words as footprints on the youngsters hearts for time eternal. We give thanks for our Rector Jim, for all that he does and ask for your holy spirit to be with him as he attends the mentor meeting today. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Sprout Lane

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March: Places of Welcome.**

Father please bless all those who run or help every Tuesday in church. We pray that more people will come through the doors and find a place not only of welcome but one of peace and tranquillity. May the opportunity to come and sit for a while encourage people to call in and sit with you and may this give them the courage to attend again and get closer to you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Milton Street

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March: Instead of Worrying, Pray.**

‘Don’t worry about anything, but pray about everything.’ (Phillipians 4:6) We know from our bibles that Jesus regularly prayed and challenged his followers with a question (‘who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?’) Help us to feel confident in bringing all our worries to you and forgive us when we think we know better and can handle our affairs on our own. We know you are an amazing God, help us to be amazing followers. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Junction Street

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Wardens.**

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication given by our church wardens. Help them to feel your embrace and strength as they strive to keep the church running smoothly with all the many services and demands on their time. We ask that your touch and words will be evident to them as they perform their duties so they can share the experience of worshipping you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of South Street Gardens

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Asian Congregation/ Blue Coat Meeting.**

Dear Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters in our Asian congregation. Father bless each one as they worship you and help their numbers grow. We give thanks for the love, friendship and outreach that they offer. We give thanks for the wonderful work recently on show at St Matthew’s from our Blue Coat schools. We pray for the follow up meeting held today, that all those present will be content with the festival and have positive feedback. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Thorpe Road



**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March: St Matthew's Centre.**

We give thanks for our church centre and for Adrian and Kirsten. Thank you that we have a building that can be used not only for our church family but for the wider community. We pray for all the external groups that use this building that whatever club, activity or group the people attend they may feel your presence. We pray that more people will wish to use this facility and that the centre will continue to thrive. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Arundel Street

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Mother's Day.**

Dear Lord we give thanks and praise for all Mothers on this Mothering Sunday. We also remember Mom's who are no longer with us but give thanks for all they do/did and for their constant support. Father we know that your love embraces us in the same way, it is constant, forgiving and everlasting. May we always treasure memories of shared experiences with our Moms.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Windsor Street