



Sunday 25th Services

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

What's on this week

- Mon 26th** 9.00am - Parent Bible Study (Church)
3.15pm - Kids Group (Centre)
- Tues 27th** 10.00am - Open Church (Church)
3.15pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
7.00pm - Wedding Band Rehearsal (Church)
8.00pm - Ladies Group (Centre)
- Weds 28th** 9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
7.30pm - Bell Ringing Practice
7.30pm - Alpha (Church)
- Thurs 29th** 12.30pm - **NO** Mid-week Communion (Church)
2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
7.00pm - Wedding Band Rehearsal (Church)
- Fri 30th** 8.20am - Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)
8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Church Open, cleaning and flower arranging
- Sat 1st** 11.00am - Wedding of Shona Durbin and Tom Butters
- Sun 2nd** **Jake's Last Sunday**
8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - All Age Worship (Church)
12.30pm - Bring and Share Lunch (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)



Further ahead

- Mon 3rd** 7.30pm - Standing Committee (Rectory)
- Thurs 6th** 10.00am - Finance Committee (Church Centre)
- Fri 7th** 9.45am - Blue Coat Festival planning meeting (Federation House)

- 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... Liz, Daniel, Tim, Viv, Laura and Charlotte.

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November Recommendations:

- Alongside Sundays 10.45 Service: How To Read Genesis Parts 1 & 2 by Tim Mackie

- Alongside 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.



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.

Saying goodbye to Rev Jake Sadly, Jake will be leaving us soon. His final Sunday at St Matthew's will be on Sunday 2nd December. To celebrate his time here, we are planning a "bring and share" lunch following the 10.45am service. We anticipate it starting at 12.30pm. If anyone is able to help with the practical arrangements, please can you let Jim know.

Caldmore Litter Picking Litter pick on Tuesday 27th November from 11.00am to 1.00pm. We hope residents who are not working are able to join us as well as local organisations and businesses.

Ladies Group will be meeting on Tuesday the 27th November at 8.00pm in the Centre. On this occasion our speaker will be Gerald Joyce (Grange Theatre) whose subject will be "Hobbies in Film". There will also be a sales table with proceeds going to the Flower Ladies for the Christmas flower decorations.

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.

Ministry in Care Homes All those involved in this beautiful ministry are invited to a time of encouraging and resourcing on Thursday 6th December. The venue is Doxey Church, Stafford, (ST16 1EQ). It will start at 12.00noon with lunch (provided by the Mission Dept) and end at 3.30pm. In addition to encouragement and resourcing there will be time for sharing,

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 31st 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 / 01543 622592

mutual support and prayer. Please invite others from your church who may be interested. Sarah Thorpe (Dementia Friendly churches) and David Primrose (Director of Transforming Communities) will be present and participating in the day. Please book with Richard Barrett richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org

Deanery Synod Advent Reflection everyone welcome to share in our Advent Reflection, led by Canon Andrew Stead. Thursday 6th December at St John's, Walsall Wood at 7.30pm. Followed by wine and mince pie.

Thomas Project Christmas Celebration Saturday 8th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Aldridge Church Centre. Tickets are £7.50 from office@thethomasproject.co.uk

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.

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

Wedding of Shona Durbin & Tom Butters

We are getting married at St Matthew's at 11.00 am on Saturday 1st December. Anyone wishing to join us for the service and tea & cake after the ceremony in church will be very welcome! Shona and Tom.

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.

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.

Samaritans Purse

Thank you to everyone who donated money or items for the shoe box appeal. OWL members packed 14 boxes and £65.00 was donated to cover the postage.

Anne Tolley

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.

C0 and C1 Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding training (C0/C1) is now compulsory for anyone who works with children or vulnerable adults at church. The training is available on the Diocesan website. However, we are looking to run a session where this training can be completed as a group. This to open to anyone who does not have internet access at home and those who would rather complete the training alongside others. C0 training is available to everyone, even if you do not work with children or vulnerable adults at church. If you would be interested in a group training session please speak to: Hannah Dallaway (07583092209)

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:

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Rev Jake Madin – 07426 325809 (Day off Friday)

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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
- ◇ **Prayer Triplets Coordinator:** Kirsten Robson 07521 741820
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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

