

Newsletter

Sunday 26th May 2019



What's on this week

Sun 26th	8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
	9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
	10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
	2.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
Mon 27th	Bank Holiday - Office is closed
Tues 28th	10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
Weds 29th	9.30am - Study Group (Church)
	6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
Thurs 30th	
Fri 31st	9.30am - Church Open, cleaners and flower arrangers
Sat 1st	
Sun 2nd	8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
	9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
	10.45am - All Age Worship (Church)
	4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm - Church Hill Praise Focused (Church)



Morning Prayer

No morning prayer Mon 27th to Wed 29th May

Further Ahead

Mon 3rd	9.00am - Staff Team meeting (Church)
	7.30pm - Standing Committee (Rectory)
Wed 5th	6.30pm - BC Federation Curriculum Committee
Thurs 6th	4.30pm - BCA Governors
	7.00pm - Deanery Synod
Sun 9th	Pentecost



Worshipping God; Equipping his people;
Growing his kingdom; Serving Walsall

Prayer Requests

From our prayer cards and email prayers, please pray for Andrew, Rob Bradburn, Rosemary, the staff at autism West Midlands Head Office, Marian Masters, John and Joan Cartridge, Eddie and Briar Hickenbottom-Marriot

Church Vision During this term we will be considering the church vision of Worshipping God, Equipping his people, Growing his kingdom and Serving Walsall in more detail with a sermon series at all the services. Linking in with this, the homegroups will be studying aspects of the vision using Bible study and application. If you would like to join a homegroup for a term to get the most out of this, please speak to Priscilla or Judith for advice about the most appropriate group for you, or look at the sheet about homegroups on the table at the back of church.

George Fisher retirement

service is at St Matthew's Church on Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm. If you would like to come, please RSVP to



jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org or Tel: 01543 306067

Cakes It is estimated that there will be approximately 200 people in attendance. We think we will need around 300 small cakes/desserts. There is a list at the back of Church of what additional things we need, for you to sign up to. The cakes will be required late afternoon on the 19th June in order that we can put them out and decorate the Church. If anyone is willing to lend us some cake stands that would also be appreciated. We are both usually at the 10.45 Sunday Service, so please come and chat with us if you want more information. *Pam Mills and Barbara Parker*

CHURCH NEWS

Planning Center We are moving over to a system called Planning Center Services for organising rotas for Sunday services. It is an online system that you can blocked out dates you are unavailable, accept/decline rota spots and there is a mobile app available. Please speak to Mike Ray if you have not received a welcome email.

John Edlin's **Wednesday Study Group** will meet at 9.30am in St Clement's Chapel on the following dates: 29 May and 12 June.

Pentecost Praise and Thy Kingdom Come

This year we will be celebrating our Ecumenical Pentecost Praise service at St Matthew's on 6.30pm on Sunday 9th June. Last year approximately 30 churches from around Walsall were represented. For many churches, including us, it will be the culmination to Thy Kingdom Come a global prayer initiative that lasts from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Next week prayer journals and a Novena prayer guide will be available for church members who wish to take part in the daily prayer.

Quiet Days Priscilla Trood will be leading a day on Saturday 22nd June from 10.00am-4.30pm in Dordon. It costs £25, which includes a hot lunch, or £20 for concessions. Priscilla can take 4 people in her car. Flyers and booking forms available. Please speak to Priscilla for more information. Judith Ridgway is organising a Quiet Day at St Mary's Convent, Handsworth, on Saturday 20th July 2019. If you are interested and would like more details, please speak to Judith in church or on 07490 488144 or ridgway@talktalk.net.

Church Keys As part of our church insurance requirements, Patti is completing an audit of who holds keys to the various doors to our church. She would be grateful if you could let her know by email, patti_lane@hotmail.com 07816 625418 or speak to her on Sunday if you have any keys.

OWLs Trip OWLs are going to Tissington on Thursday 30th May but unfortunately I'm unable to borrow any wheelchairs from my source due to new legislation. If anyone has a fold up wheelchair I could borrow please call Anne Tol-

ley on 07518339606 Thank you.

Lifts to Church If anyone would be happy to be put on a list offering occasional lifts to other members of the congregation then please speak to me. We have a few already but it would be wonderful if we could add some more to cover holidays etc. Thank you, Anne Tolley

Thank You to all who attended Ashmore Park Choir Concert. The evening raised raised £465.00 which is going towards our building fund for our Legacy Project.

Marian Masters has recently fallen and sustained broken ribs and arm. Marian is coping fairly well but having great difficulty in opening packaging/tins. If anyone would take a meal for Marion while she recuperates, she would be very grateful.

Party at the Crossing The Walsall Town Centre Ministry annual party is on Saturday 15th June 11am-3pm, outside St Paul's. We need your help, please!

- Volunteers for stewarding, ideally with current DBS clearance (it doesn't matter which organisation you have a DBS with).
 - Bakers - we need cakes that will be sold on the day (cup cakes/cakes to be sliced up/some gluten free)
 - Donations of prizes for the Tombola
 - Gazebos! - we need to borrow fold-up gazebos, and weights if you have them - for the various stalls.
 - Help with setting up and packing down - set up is 9.30, pack down 3pm, and if you're able to help out at all on the day generally - thank you!
 - Face painter - that would be wonderful! We've really struggled to get someone for this year.
- Please contact your church Walsall TCM committee members if you can help - thank you so much for helping make the Party at the Crossing the success that it is every year.

Week of prayer for Older People Resources for a week of prayer for older people scheduled for 9-16th June can be found at www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/

St Matthew's Church Giving

You can give direct to the church via online banking, a standing order or 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.



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 Kirsten.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

May

- The Power of Jesus' Names – Tony Evans
- The Book of 1 Corinthians – Jennie Allen [CC]
- The Mr. Phil Show – Phil Vischer

To get started with Rightnow Media for free, go to www.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/stmatthewswalsall

Journeys at Lichfield Cathedral

From July-September there will be an installation of a 'moon floor' taking up the whole of the nave centre.

Activities will also include a film festival and the Great Exhibition. The cathedral is looking for volunteers to help with these activities and others during the school summer holidays. Summer Activity Days take place daily from Monday-Saturday from 22 July-31 August from 1.30-3.30pm. They will be drop-in sessions for accompanied children to take part in a variety of science-related craft activities.

There will be training sessions before the school holidays. More info from Jane Hardy on 01543 306140.

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 – David & Penny Hunt



Clergy Contacts:

Rev Jim Trood – 07939 587208 (Day off Tuesday)
email – rector@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk

- ◇ **Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Anne Tolley 07518 339606
- ◇ **Email Prayer Requests** (non-confidential) 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
kirstenrobson1@gmail.com

Staff Contacts:

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Julia Webb – Family Support Worker - 07927 292508
email: childrensandfamilyworker@gmail.com

Adrian Perks – Centre Manager - 07954 138350.
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Kirsten Robson - Church Office - 01922 626039 or 07759 708091
email: stmattschurchwalsall@gmail.com

Barbara Parker - Safeguarding Officer - 01922 649909

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.

Website: www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk

