

Newsletter

Sunday 28th April 2019



What's on this week

- Sun 28th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Mission Praise with Baptisms (Church)
2.00pm - Asian Congregation with Baptisms (Church then Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
- Mon 29th** 9.00am - Team Meeting (Church)
9.00am - Toddler Bible Study (Church)
3.30pm - Kids Club (Centre)
7.00pm for 7.30pm start - AGM (Church)
- Tues 30th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
3.30pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
8.00pm - Ladies Group (Centre)
- Weds 1st** 9.30am - Toddlers (Church then Centre)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
- Thurs 2nd** 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
- Fri 3rd** 8.20am - Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)
8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Church Open, cleaners and flower arrangers
6.30pm - Signs for Worship Workshop (Centre)
8.00pm - Signs for Worship (Centre)
- Sat 4th**
- Sun 5th** 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 (Church)



Morning Prayer

- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7.30am (Church)
Weds 8.00am (Blue Coat)

Further Ahead

- Thurs 9th 7.45am - Town Centre Ministries
Sat 11th 10.30am - Wedding Enquirers



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

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those being baptised today and for those reaffirming their faith; Daniel, Bill, Alice, Luke and Lauren. From our prayer cards and emails please pray for: Andrew, Dawn, Christine, Rita, Rob Bradburn, Mandy Masters, Daniel Townsend and Josie. Please also pray for St Gabriel's, Fulbrook as they make their final plans for their Fan the Flame parish mission from 12th to 16th May.

Annual General Meeting 2019

The annual General meeting will be held in church on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7.00pm). Please do come and support this important meeting in the church year.

George Fisher retirement service

George will be retiring in June and would like to invite all members of St Matthew's church to his leaving celebration 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

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.

Ladies Group We welcome as our speak Walsall Historian, Mike Glasson, who will be speaking on "Walsall - A Town of 100 Trades." This meeting is open to all; including men.

Food Bank We have a collection point in church for items. Please put your donations in the box in the glassed off porch. There are leaflets with the things they require, and weekly shortages will be posted on the display and on their Facebook page @AblewellAdvice.

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.

New Study Group Starting on Wednesday 1st May at 9.30am. The starting point will be themes set by Jim and we shall draw on commentaries to explore bible passages in depth. How the Group develops depends on who comes. Please get in touch for further information. John Edlin 07546 504904 john0edlin@gmail.com

Healing life's hurts: You are invited to a day looking at Handling hurt and offence, Processing loss and disappointment, and Receiving the love of the Father on Saturday 11th May from 10.00 am-4.00 pm at Hillcrest Centre, 172 Long Street, Dordon B78 1QA. The day will be led by Mark and Stella Doggett who have provided counselling and pastoral care in the West Midlands for over 20 years. It costs £15 or concessions are £10. Book a place by phoning 01827 894988 or email enquiries@lifetraining.co.uk Light refreshments are provided but please bring a packed lunch. For more information please see Priscilla Trood.

Baby massage a 5 week baby massage course starts at St Matthew's Church Centre on Monday 13th May from 1.00 – 2.30 pm. It costs £30. There will be a follow-on 4 week sensory play group for babies starting on Monday 24th June costing £25. If you book them together, it costs £50, saving £5. Please contact Priscilla on 07984 626637 or pick up a flyer for more details.

Quiet Day Priscilla Trood will be leading another Quiet Day with her friend, Pippa

Steedman, 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.

Quiet Day Judith Ridgway is organising a Quiet Day at St Mary's Convent, Handsworth, on Saturday 20th July 2019. If you have already said you will come, please can you **re-confirm** this to Judith. If you are interested and would like more details, please speak to Judith in church or on 07490 488144 or ridgway@talktalk.net.

Reconciling your city to God We are excited to announce a conference for those interested in city transformation and city discipleship in the UK and beyond. The conference is for Christians from churches, business and local government and any Christians wishing to know more about how to influence city transformation. City Vision (<https://cityvision.life/>), in partnership with Global Advance (www.globaladvance.org/), will be hosting this one-day conference at the Welcome Centre in Coventry. Book your place with Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/2D9fVqI> Wednesday 22nd May.

Short talks Jim is looking to recruit more people for a team who will be happy to do the 5 minute "All Age" short talk in the weekly 10.45am service. There is a termly list of topics that links to this and connects with the Children's Church themes. If you would be interested in doing a short talk, please speak to Jim.

Pathways to Ministry If you are interested in exploring God's call to Ministry in the Diocese of Lichfield? Pathways to Ministry is a one year course for people who are exploring their Christian faith and discipleship and reflecting on their own particular gifts and calling. The course covers several key areas including God at work in the Church, our neighbourhood and our family as well as in your own life and also focuses on Bible study and prayer. Please see www.lichfield.anglican.org/pathways_to_ministry/ for more details.

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.

Please read and share The police are aware of the increase in needles and mess around the church as are our local Clean and Green team. The Police Officers want us to report every incident that happens however minor so they can build up a file about St Matthew's Church. This will help us access funding to combat crime and other community funding sources so it's definitely worth doing! It's very easy to do through the West Midlands Police website link below. There is also a link to Walsall Council for incidents they need to know about <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/incident-report>. To report issues to Clean and Green either phone 01922 653344 or email cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk

The Light of the World Window is being restored to its former glory, thanks to a generous donation. The damaged stained glass panels have been removed and the sill and mullions are going to be replaced. This work is being carried out by specialist stained glass and metal-work restorers and is expected to take several weeks to complete.

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)
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- ◇ **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 07521 741820 kirstenrobson1@gmail.com

Staff Contacts:

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Adrian Perks – Centre Manager - 07954 138350.
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Kirsten Robson - Church Office - 01922 626039 or 07759 708091
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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

