

# Newsletter

## Sunday 2nd June 2019



### What's on this week

<b>Sun 2nd</b>	8.00am	- BCP Communion (Church)
	9.00am	- Parish Communion (Church)
	10.45am	- All Age Worship (Church)
	2.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Church Hill Praise Focused (Church)
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	9.00am	- Staff Team meeting (Church)
	9.00am	- Toddler Bible Study (Church)
	7.30pm	- Standing Committee (Rectory)
<b>Tues 4th</b>	10.00am	- Places of Welcome (Church)
<b>Weds 5th</b>	9.30am	- Toddler Group Trip
	6.00pm	- Bell Ringing Practice
	6.30pm	- BC Federation Curriculum Committee
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	4.30pm	- BCA Governors
	7.00pm	- Deanery Synod
<b>Fri 7th</b>	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)
<b>Sat 8th</b>		
<b>Sun 9th</b>	8.00am	- BCP Communion (Church)
	9.00am	- Parish Communion (Church)
	10.45am	- Morning Praise (Church)
	4.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Pentecost Unity Service (Church)



### Morning Prayer

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

### Further Ahead

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - Leadership Team (Rectory)  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - Party at the Crossing



**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, Joan and John Cartridge, Sam Mead, David and Diane.

## From George Fisher

Dear St Matt's, Thank you so much for such a send-off last Sunday. It was lovely to share so many good memories with you and thank you for all the fellowship, kindness, love and prayers over the years. It has meant a lot to me to have a 'home church' as my job has meant me travelling all over the diocese. And thank you so much for that amazingly generous gift. As many of you know, my hobby is photography and I will use that to upgrade my camera and equipment so when I retire I can take even more photos. Once again, thank you so much for everything, and may the Lord continue to guide, enrich, bless and grow St Matt's as you share His love in word and deed in Walsall. Luv n God bless George.

**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** for the evening; there is a list at the back of Church of what things we need, for you to sign up to. The cakes will be required late afternoon on the 19<sup>th</sup> June in order to decorate the Church. If anyone is willing to lend us some cake stands that would also be appreciated. *Pam Mills and Barbara Parker*

**June and July Rotas** We are using Planning Center Services for organising rotas for Sunday services. It is an online system that you can block 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. This is where you will find the rota for June and July. There are some paper copies in the foyer.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> June. Last year approximately 30 churches from around Walsall were represented.

**Quiet Days** Priscilla Trood will be leading a day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 10.00am-4.30pm in Dordon. Please speak to Priscilla for more information. Judith Ridgway is organising a Quiet Day at St Mary's Convent, Handsworth, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019. If you are interested and would like more details, please speak to Judith.

**Church Keys** 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](mailto:patti_lane@hotmail.com) or speak to her on Sunday.

**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

**Deanery Synod** on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church Aldridge, Wendy Morton MP will be speaking about Life at Westminster and will also answer some questions. The meeting is open to all church members, but only elected Deanery Synod representatives are able to vote.

**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/](http://www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/)

**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 - Volunteers for stewarding, ideally with current DBS clearance - Bakers - Donations of prizes for the Tombola - Gazebos - Help with setting up and packing down - Face painter  
If you can help, speak to Colin Townsend or Wendy Barker

**Leadership Team** Jeremy Sargent is stepping down from the Leadership Team. This means we will be starting the process of discerning another person to fill this position. Church members are invited to suggest names of who may be an appropriate person to be part of the Leadership Team. Any suggestions should be passed on a piece of paper to Jim or by email by 17<sup>th</sup> June. The discernment team will then meet to discern who will be invited to join the team. The primary role of the Leadership Team is to discern God's vision for St Matthew's and to supervise and monitor the vision. A secondary role of the Team is to provide a confidential discussion team to advise the rector on various issues. Leadership Team members must...

- Be visionary people
- Be 'mature' Christians (e.g. people who have an established faith and know/live the Bible). This is not necessarily age-related or based on the length of time at St Matthew's.
- Have the respect of whole church (e.g. a recognised worshipping congregation member who attends church regularly)
- Uphold Bible-based Christian principles (see 1 Timothy 3)
- Be on the Electoral Roll but not necessarily on the PCC

**Blue Coat Academy fundraising** to coincide with the month of Ramadan. They are organising fundraising activities to raise money to share between a literacy project at Blue Coat Junior School and a donation to the work of a Muslim aid charity. They are encouraging people to buy a book to donate towards the literacy project. If you would like to either donate money or "buy a book", please pass any contributions to Rev Jim. The list of books can be found online at [schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/](http://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/).

### **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](http://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.

**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.

### **Green Christian Conference**

Saturday 15 June. A free event aimed at providing people with resources to respond to the problems of climate change and biodiversity loss. The conference, which is being run by the national organisation in partnership with local churches, is at Central Baptist Church in Shrewsbury (SY1 1QG) and runs from 10.30am-4pm. For more information or to book go to <https://anglican.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?>

### **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  
kirstenrobson1@gmail.com

### **Staff Contacts:**

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email: childrensandfamilyworker@gmail.com

**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](http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk)**

