

Newsletter

Sunday 31st March 2019

What's on this week

Sun 31st	8.00am	- BCP Communion (Church)
	9.00am	- Parish Communion (Church)
	10.45am	- All Age Worship (Church)
	4.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
	6.30pm	- Church Hill Praise (Church)
Mon 1st	9.00am	- Staff Team Meeting (Church)
	9.00am	- Toddler Bible Study (Church)
	3.30pm	- Kids Club (Centre)
Tues 2nd	7.30pm	- Standing Committee (Rectory)
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome (Church)
	3.30pm	- Younger Youth (Centre)
Weds 3rd	9.30am	- Toddlers (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Lent Lunches (St Paul's)
	4.00pm	- JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
Thurs 4th	6.00pm	- Bell Ringing Practice
	6.30pm	- Blue Coat Federation Governors (Juniors)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
Fri 5th	8.20am	- Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)
	8.40am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
	9.30am	- Church Open, cleaners and flower arrangers
Sun 7th	6.30pm	- Signs for Worship Workshop (Centre)
	8.00pm	- Signs for Worship (Centre)
	8.00am	- BCP Communion (Church)
	9.00am	- Parish Communion (Church)
	10.45am	- Morning Praise (Church)
	4.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
	6.30pm	- Church Hill Praise (Church)



Morning Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7.30am (Church)

Weds 8.00am (Blue Coat)

Further ahead

Thurs 11th Blue Coat Academy governors



Holy Week and Easter services

Palm Sunday 14th (normal services)

Mon 15 th	6.30pm-7.00pm	- Holy Week service
Tues 16 th	6.30pm-7.00pm	- Holy Week service
Wed 17 th	6.30pm-7.00pm	- Holy Week service
Maundy Thurs	7.30pm	- Holy Communion service
Good Friday	10.30am	- Walk of Witness
	12noon to 3pm	- Reflections in the Church
Easter Day	6.30pm-7.00pm	- Holy Week service
	8.00am BCP	- Holy communion
	9.00am	- Parish Communion
	10.45am	- All Age Easter Communion
	6.30pm	- Church Hill Praise

For your prayers:

Please pray for:

Iris Mallaband, Rob Bradburn, Samuel Smith, Frank Oketi, John and Lee Cartridge, Liz Chamberlain and family, Amy and Sophie Lane, Tom, Josie, Charlotte, Jess, Graham, and the friends and family of Ron Gittins and Win Kempson.

If you wish a prayer to be included; there are prayer cards in the side-chapel, and email prayer chain details are on the back of this sheet.

C0 and C1 Training For those who have not yet completed C0 and/or C1 training, a group training session will take place in the church centre on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm. Please arrive any time after 6.30pm to get a cup of tea before we start. If you are able to join us, please contact Hannah Dallaway on 07583092209

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 Thurs 20th June at 7.30pm. If you would like to come, please RSVP to jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org or Tel: 01543 306067

Electoral roll It is time to renew the electoral roll for the church. This old one has now been wiped clean so please complete a new form. The forms must be completed by Sunday 7th April 2019. If you would like to fill in the form online go to <https://stmatthewswalsall.churchcenter.com/people/forms/29160>, or scan this QR code with your phone.



Bishop's Lent appeal 2019 This year's appeal focuses on mental health and wellbeing. It will support charities which help those suffering from trauma both at home and abroad - Combat Stress and Embrace The Middle East. The collections from the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will go towards this but you can also give money to the appeal by placing a donation in the relevant envelopes and placing your gift in a normal Sunday collection.

Children's Church and Easter

7th April – Children's Church

14th April – Children's Church

21st April (Easter Sunday) – All Age Easter Communion

28th April – Children's Church

Easter Magazine At the back of church is an Easter Magazine for every family. Please take one. If you know someone else who would like one, please take one for them and invite them to our Easter Sunday services.

Food for Easter Central Hall are running a project of feeding children who would normally have free school dinners, or live on Foodbank donations, during school holidays. The first 2 of these dates are on Wednesdays in the Easter holidays - 17th and 24th April. We were hoping that there may be people from other churches with Walsall who would be able to help on the day, to set up, pack away, to help serve, to wash up and/or talk to the children and parents. If anyone is willing to be involved, please could they contact us at walsallcir-cuit2804@gmail.com or on 01922 474053.

Ashmore Park Choir is having a concert on Saturday 18th May 2019 at St Matthews from 7.30pm. "A medley of music for all tastes." Tickets are £10 to include a glass of wine. Tickets available from Judith Ridgway, the Church Office and TR Music.

St Chad Pilgrimage Following last year's successful trek from Birmingham to Lichfield, this year's St Chad Pilgrimage will traverse the East Midlands on Saturday 8 June. The 19-mile route from Repton to Lichfield will take in fixed prayer points in Repton, Burton, Alrewas and Lichfield before finishing at Lichfield Cathedral. Bishop Michael and other denominational leaders will take part in the pilgrimage which is

open to all and also falls within Thy Kingdom Come. Registration is open until 24 May. More information from the Diocesan website.

Confirmation

Sometimes people ask what confirmation is about. Broadly speaking...

- Baptism brings membership to the world-wide Christian church
- Electoral Rolls signify a person is a member of a specific Church (and can vote in elections)
- Confirmation is renewing the promises made at baptism and indicating membership of a particular denomination

The next Cluster Confirmation service is expected to take place on Sunday 23rd June in the evening. The venue is yet to be decided. If anyone would like to be confirmed, please can they speak to Jim before the end of March.

Advance Notice Saturday 6th July 2019. The Fellowship Players in association with C. C. D. S. Productions present "Encore!" Music from theatre, Disney, pop, swing and jazz. Advance booking: Box Office 01922 630495 or Anne Tolley 07518 339606.

Cards Jenny Fernandez is selling cards of her own artworks to raise funds for St Mathew's. Please contact Jenny on 07840575197, email jennyfernandez48@gmail.com, via FB Messenger to order, or see her in church to buy.

The Royal School of Church Music St

Matthew's Church is a RSCM member. This means that any church member can access for free the quarterly magazines. There are also discounts for some events and courses available. These can be seen at www.rscm.org.uk. If you would like to use the church membership number to obtain any of these benefits, please speak to Rev Jim to get the relevant password details. A poster with more information can be found on the notice board.

Iris Mallaband has had a successful operation and is recovering in hospital in Ward 12. If you would like to visit, please speak to Anne at the 10.45am service or call her to arrange visiting rota between 3-8pm.

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)
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 07521 741820
kirstenrobson1@gmail.com

Staff Contacts:

Ben Butterfield – U18s Worker - 07917 764435
email: ben_butterfield@hotmail.com

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

Adrian Perks – Centre Manager - 07954 138350.
email: stmatthewsmanager@tiscali.co.uk

Kirsten Robson - Church Office - 01922 626039 or 07759 708091
email: stmattschurchwalsall@gmail.com

Barbara Parker - Safeguarding Officer - 01022 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.

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Growing his kingdom; Serving Walsall**

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