

Newsletter

Sunday 3rd March 2019

What's on this week

- Sun 3rd** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - All Age Worship with Baptisms (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
- Mon 4th** 9.00am - Team Meeting (Church)
9.00am - Toddler Bible Study (Church)
3.30pm - Kids Club (Centre)
7.30pm - Leadership Team (Rectory)
- Tues 5th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
3.30pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Weds 6th** 8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Ash Wednesday Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)
12.30pm - Lent Lunches (St Paul's)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
7.30pm - Ash Wednesday service with ashing (Church)
- Thurs 7th** 10.00am - Finance Committee Meeting (Centre)
12.00pm - Funeral of Shaun Alleyne (Church)
2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
- Fri 8th** 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 9th** 10.30am - Wedding Enquiries (Church)
- Sun 10th** 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

- Mon 11th** 7.30pm - PCC (Church)
Tues 12th 7.30pm Deanery Synod (St Mark's)
Thurs 14th 1.00pm Memorial service for Jan Webster (Church)
7.45pm Town Centre Ministries (Central Hall)
Fri 15th Funeral of Barrie Blower (Church)

For your prayers:

Please pray for: Wendy Barker, Esther Westbury's grandparents, The Higgenbottom-Marriot family, Ebony-Mae, Michael, Danny, Jane Griffin, John and Joan Cartridge, and Christine Bennett. and the friends and family of Brenda Bates, Beverlyn Williams, Shaun Alleyne, Jan Webster, Barrie Blower, Margaret Haden, and Win Kempson. Please also pray for Kiari and Poppy who are being baptised this Sunday.

There are prayer cards in the side-chapel, and email prayer chain details are on the back of this sheet.

Rightnow Media March & Lent Recommendations

For Lent...

- Red Letter Challenge – Zach Zehnder

For March...

- If – Mark Batterson [CC – English]
- Faith Lessons Walking With God – Ray Vander Laan [CC – English]

For Kids...

- Phil Vischer Presents: Where Does Hope Live? 1 Peter

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

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. Copies of the invitation are available in the foyer. If you would like to come, Everybody welcome! - but please RSVP to jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org or Tel: 01543 306067 so that we can get the right numbers for catering purposes.

New Homegroup Looking for a homegroup that could work for you if you have a young family? Speak to or email Priscilla Trood for more Information.

All Age Services and Crèche During all age services, we expect all the children to remain with adults during the service. There are plenty of opportunities for children to help during the service and be involved in the worship. The crèche will be closed during these services and a small area at the back of church will be available for babies and toddlers to stretch their legs. Please feel free to use the children's chapel as a quiet space to feed or change your baby as usual before returning to the service.

Transforming Poverty A new national church resource inspired by the film I, Daniel Blake is now available for free. Written by the Revd Gayle Greenway, curate at St Matthew's in Wolverhampton, the six-session course sees the bible placed in relationship with the Ken Loach and Paul Laverty film. Ideal for small groups - and Lent - you can download it free from the <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/>

Bishop's Lent appeal 2019 This year's Bishop's Lent 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.

The Bible Rediscovered During Lent the main lectionary readings will form the basis of our sermons at the 8am and 8am Sunday services. The Diocese of Lichfield have produced a resource booklet called "The Bible Rediscovered" to match these readings which can be used a study guide for small groups or individuals. Jim has ordered enough copies for every person who attends these two services and also a few extra. Please speak to Jim if you would like a copy. They can also be downloaded from the Lichfield Diocese website.

Food Bank Lent Challenge The Black Country Food Bank is issuing an "80 Can Lent Challenge". The idea is to donate 2 items of food or toiletries for each of the 40 days in Lent. You could do this on your own, within your homegroup or small group, or as part of the

wider church. Bring your donations to church and pop them in the box in the glassed off area. Also there are lists of the items they require. If anyone is able to go on a rota to help transport the food to the Food Bank at the Methodist Central Hall once a month, please see Priscilla Trood. Thank you.

Electoral Roll new forms will be issued on Sunday 10th March. We will be preparing a brand new electoral roll. This takes place once every 7 years in the Church of England. Even if you have already been on the church electoral roll, you will need to complete a brand new form, please make sure you don't forget to do this as without being on the electoral roll you will not be able to vote at our Annual General Meeting.

Organ Recital in Tamworth An organ recital by Phillip Scriven takes place on Saturday 27 April on the Grade 1 organ at St Editha's Church, Tamworth, B79 7DA. Tickets cost £10 including wine and nibbles. For more info call 01827 68339.

Baptism by immersion We will be having some baptisms by immersion on Sunday 28th April, the Sunday after Easter. If anyone is interested in being baptised, please speak to Jim.

Living Well With Parkinson's International speaker Mike Studer is the special guest at this conference at St Paul's Church in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 2EL on Saturday 11 May. Mike, who specialises in neurologic physiotherapy and has a wealth of practical expertise, will cover topics including types of Parkinson's, exercise, fitness and brain activity. There'll also be the opportunity for questions. Tickets, and more info from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-well-with-parkinsons-conference-tickets-54547418798>

Some sad news: Win Kempson died on 26th February. Finally at peace after a long struggle with dementia. The funeral service will be held at St Matthew's and details will be confirmed in the newsletter. Please remember Janet, Ken, Trevor and the wider family in your prayers.

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.

Evening Celebration with Jeff

Lucas Jeff Lucas is an international author, speaker and broadcaster. His passion is to equip the Church with biblical, practical bible teaching, marked by vulnerability and humour. Date: 23rd March 2019 Time: 7.30pm Location: Lifecentral Church, Little Cornbow, Halesowen B63 3AJ. <https://lifecentral.churchsuite.co.uk/events/km3veshb>

Lent Lunches Held at St Paul's, and starting on Wednesday 6th March. There are leaflets and poster in the foyer - please do take one for more information..

DBS requirements for Churchwarden candidates

Changes in national legislation mean people standing for election or re-election as Churchwardens must undertake an enhanced DBS check. Candidates should apply for this if standing - before the election - using the job title 'Candidate Warden'. If elected a DBS certificate number will be needed for them to be admitted. Full details are available from the Lichfield Diocesan website.

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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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

