

Newsletter

Sunday 5th May 2019



What's on this week

- Sun 5th** 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 (Church)
- Mon 6th** MAY BANK HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED
- Tues 7th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
3.30pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Weds 8th** 9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
6.00pm - Rotary Tour of St Matthew's (Church)
8.00pm - Band Rehearsal
7.30pm - Deanery Synod Standing Committee (St Michael's)
- Thurs 9th** 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
7.45pm - Town Centre Ministries
- Fri 10th** 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 11th** 10.30am - Wedding Enquiries (Church)
7.30pm - Walsall Choral Society Concert (Church)
- Sun 12th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (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 13th** 7.00pm - Archdeacon's visitation (All Saints, Bloxwich)
- Wed 15th** 6.30pm - Blue Coat Federation Governors (Infants)
7.30pm - PCC (Church)
- Thurs 16th** 4.00pm - Blue Coat Foundation Trustees Meeting (Federation House)

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

Prayer Requests

From our prayer cards and emails please pray for: Sara and her daughter Sophie, Delbert, Ben Crowthers, Mandy Masters, Marian Masters, Diane and her daughter Sarah. 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.

Christian Aid Week runs from 12th to 18th May. In this notice sheet is an envelope to allow you to make a donation if you wish. Charitable donations can be made in the envelope up until the last week in May. Spare envelopes are available from the back of church if you would like to give one to a neighbour.

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.

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.

Matters Of Life And Death An evening with John Wyatt (Professor of Ethics and Neonatology at University College London), as he presents a clear and compassionate Christian perspective on abortion and euthanasia. On 7 May, 7.30pm, St James Church, Audley, ST7 8DE. More info from the diocesan website.

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.

Church & Mental Wellbeing The Diocese is piloting Live Well resources produced by Livability to build up the capacity of the local church to support the mental wellbeing of the church community. They are inviting churches to send two (or more) people to a workshop, facilitated by Livability, on Thursday 6 June, 10am-4pm, in Perton. The workshop will introduce resources and explore ways of engagement that you might adopt to support the wellbeing of the

whole church. A detailed programme will be available a fortnight before, at which point you will be asked to confirm your attendance. To register an interest or for more details please email Rev Jim.

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.

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.

Jeremiah 11:11. Helpful insights from the Bible Society The Bible Society have reported an unprecedented amount of web traffic to Jeremiah chapter 11 on our online Bible. Why? It's more than likely down to the horror film *Us*, currently showing in cinemas. One of *Us*'s key motifs is a Bible verse, Jeremiah 11.11. It first appears on a cardboard placard, and references to 11.11 are made on a clock, a t-shirt and at a baseball game. In the context of the film, the verse is a chilling prophecy of impending doom. But what does it mean in its place in the Bible? To know more go to <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/>. Even if you never make the trip to see *Us* we hope this sheds some light on God's purposes in the book of Jeremiah—or just gives you a talking point with your neighbours!

Study Group. St Clement's Chapel, Wednesday 9.30 am. Theme: Worshipping God led by John Edlin 626520. Bring your own ideas, bible verses, favourite songs about worshipping God.

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 - 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

