

Newsletter

Sunday 7th April 2019

What's on this week

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| Sun 7th | 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) |
| Mon 8th | 9.00am | - Toddler Bible Study (Church) |
| | 3.30pm | - Kids Club (Centre) |
| Tues 9th | 10.00am | - Places of Welcome (Church) |
| | 1.00pm | - Junior Practice (Church) |
| | 3.30pm | - Younger Youth (Centre) |
| Weds 10th | 9.30am | - Toddlers (Centre) |
| | 12.30pm | - Lent Lunches (St Paul's) |
| | 1.00pm | - Junior Practice (Church) |
| | 4.00pm | - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church) |
| | 6.00pm | - Bell Ringing Practice |
| Thurs 11th | 8.40am | - Blue Coat Academy Service (Church) |
| | 2.00pm | - OWLs (Centre) |
| | 1.00pm | - Junior Practice (Church) |
| | 4.30pm | - Blue Coat Academy Governors |
| | 4.30pm | - Bells Practice |
| Fri 12th | 9.00am | - Blue Coat Juniors Service (Church) |
| | 6.30pm | - Signs for Worship Workshop (Centre) |
| | 8.00pm | - Signs for Worship (Centre) |
| Sun 14th | Palm Sunday | |
| | 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 Focused (Church) |



Morning Prayer

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

No morning prayer Mon 8th - Fri 12th April



Further ahead

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| Mon 15th | 9.00am | - Staff Team Meeting (Church) |
| | 7.30pm | - Pastoral Team meeting (Centre) |
| Tues 16th | 6.30pm | - C0 and C1 Training (Centre) |
| Thurs 18th | 9.30am | - Finance Team meeting (Centre) |

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

For your prayers:

Please pray for: Rev Suz Neill, Christine Barkley and Family, Dave, Alex and Joan Nock.

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 Today is the last day to qualify for the new Electoral Roll. It will then be frozen until after the Annual General Meeting. If you would like to fill in the form online go to <https://stmatthewswalsall.churchcenter.com/people/forms/29160>,

Cursillo Thursday 9th May. Cursillo in Lichfield Diocese. With their National President Trevor King. Two Stafford taster sessions, afternoon and evening. 1.30pm at Doxey Church, or 7.30pm at the Beacon International Centre. More details at <http://bit.ly/2GUxk9H>. Book your place with rich-ard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org.

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

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.

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.

Baptisms by Immersion

We will be having baptisms by immersion the Sunday after Easter. If anyone would like to be baptised, please can they collect a form from Jim.

HOPE: Making Jesus known online

Some Videos on YouTube have an increasing influence, with some YouTubers attracting almost 90 million subscribers. HOPE is working with the charity Speak Life to encourage the creative use of video in mission. The Speak Life Foundry is a training programme to forge evangelists and evangelistic resources that bless the church and reach the world. The residential 10-month programme for interns will be run by Speak Life, which has won numerous awards for its online outreach. Find out more and how to apply at <https://speaklifefoundry.com>

Rightnow Media Lent & Easter Recommendations

For Lent...

- Red Letter Challenge – Zach Zehnder

For Easter...

- The Easter Experience – Kyle Idleman [CC]

For April...

- The DNA Of Joy (Philippians) – Greg Surratt
- All The Places To Go... How Do You Know? – John Ortberg [CC]

For Kids...

- Phil Vischer Presents: Where Does Joy Come From? Philippians

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

Called to be Me Saturday 18th May. Called to be Me. A guided Quiet Day to reflect on God's Call on you. Led by DDO Revd Frances Wilson. 10am - 4pm. Cost £25 including a light lunch.

The Reeve Room in Lichfield. More details and booking at www.lichfield.anglican.org/documents/called-be-me

Diocesan Renewal Network Each month the Diocesan Renewal Network (DRN) sends an email with all the renewal events across the Diocese. To receive this email Richard Barrett. To include events, email George Fisher.

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. Thank you very much for your recent donation of 76.2kg of food and 13.5kg of non-food items to the Black Country Foodbank in March 2019, it is very much appreciated.

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.

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.

Website: www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk

