

Newsletter

Sunday 9th June 2019



What's on this week

- Sun 9th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
2.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Pentecost Unity Service (Church)
- Mon 10th** 9.00am - Toddler Bible Study (Church)
3.30pm - Kids Club (Centre)
7.00pm - Band Rehearsal (Church)
7.30pm - Leadership Team (Rectory)
- Tues 11th** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
10.00am - Church Grounds Tidy Up
3.30pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Weds 12th** 9.30am - Bible Study Group (Church)
9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Bell Ringing Practice
- Thurs 13th** 12.00pm - Walsall Clergy Chapter (Church)
2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
- Fri 14th** 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 15th** 10.00am - Party at the Crossing (St Paul's)
- Sun 16th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise and Holy Communion (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

- Mon 17th** 11.00am - Blue Coat Academy Year 11 leavers service (Church)
8.00pm - Personnel Committee meeting (Rectory)
- Thurs 20th** 10.00am - Blue Coat Academy Year 13 leavers service (Church)
10.00am - Finance Committee (Centre)
7.30pm - George's Leaving Service
- Fri 21st** 9.30am - Blue Coat Festival Planning meeting (Federation House)
11.30am - Centre Management Committee (Centre)
- Sat 22nd** 10.00am - Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (Stafford)
10.00am - Innovate Mission (Centre)
- Sun 23rd** 6.30pm - Confirmation (St John's, Pleck)



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

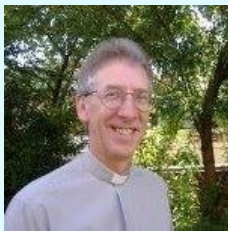
Prayer Requests

From our prayer cards and email prayers, please pray for Andrew, Rob Bradburn, Rosemary, Marian Masters, John Cartridge, Ann and Mike Walton's nephew, Helen, John, and the family and friends of John Selby.

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 19th 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*

Memorial Ground Tidy Up Volunteers are needed to help clear the land around the church memorial plaques that has become very overgrown. Tuesday 11th June at 10am. We have some gardening tools, but you may wish to bring your favourite tools.

Food hygiene training Bluecoat Academy are running a course for church members for about 2 hours on 3 Thursday afternoons approx. 4-6pm, which will lead to a qualification. The dates are 13th, 20th and 27th June. If you would like to attend, please speak to Judith in church or email ridgway@talktalk.net.

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

Quiet Days Priscilla Trood will be leading a day on Saturday 22nd 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 20th July 2019. If you are interested and would like more details, please speak to Judith.

Are you called to be a Reader Are you interested in training to be a Reader? If so Mon 1st July is a good chance to explore this calling. Taste and See: Reader Training Taster Evening. Giving a broad introduction of what to expect and the chance to ask any questions you may have. 6.30pm - 9pm. The Church at Perton, Anders Square, Perton, Wolverhampton. Book: helen.scheven@lichfield.anglican.org

Encore! Saturday 6th July 7.30pm. The Fellowship Players present Encore! Music from theater, Disney, pop, swing and jazz. Tickets are 10 including a glass of wine. Proceeds in aid of Church funds. Available from Anne Tolley, TR Music or Box Office at 01922 630495.

Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme This Government scheme will be open in July 2019 and we intend to submit an application for security funding. Our bid could,

for instance, include CCTV, security lighting, alarms and so on. If you would like to be involved in the application process, or have suggestions for effective security measures, please speak to Judith in church or email her on ridgway@talktalk.net.

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

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 17th 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

Young evangelists wanted Amplify is the youth arm of Advance 2020. It exists to mentor young people in evangelism through a year-long programme. Watch the video at <https://vimeo.com/336285756> or visit the Advance 2020 website at <https://advance2020.org/> amplify/ to find out more.

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.

Church Vision Worshipping God, Equipping his people, Growing his kingdom and Serving Walsall in more detail with a sermon series at all the services. The home groups 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.

Applications for KIT (Keep It Tidy) Walsall

Grants are available up to £2,000 to existing and new community groups for the purposes of cleaning Walsall's urban environment, so that the high streets are a more pleasant place to shop, work, stroll and enjoy. The funding is being provided by Walsall Council and the fund is being administered by One Walsall (OW). The application form can be downloaded at <https://onewalsall.org/keep-it-tidy-walsall/>. The deadline is 30 June 2019. Applications should be sent to colinw@onewalsall.org by email or to Jerome Chambers, 16-16a Bridge St, Walsall, WS1 1HP.



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
kirstenrobson1@gmail.com

Staff Contacts:

Ben Butterfield – U18s Worker - 07917 764435
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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

