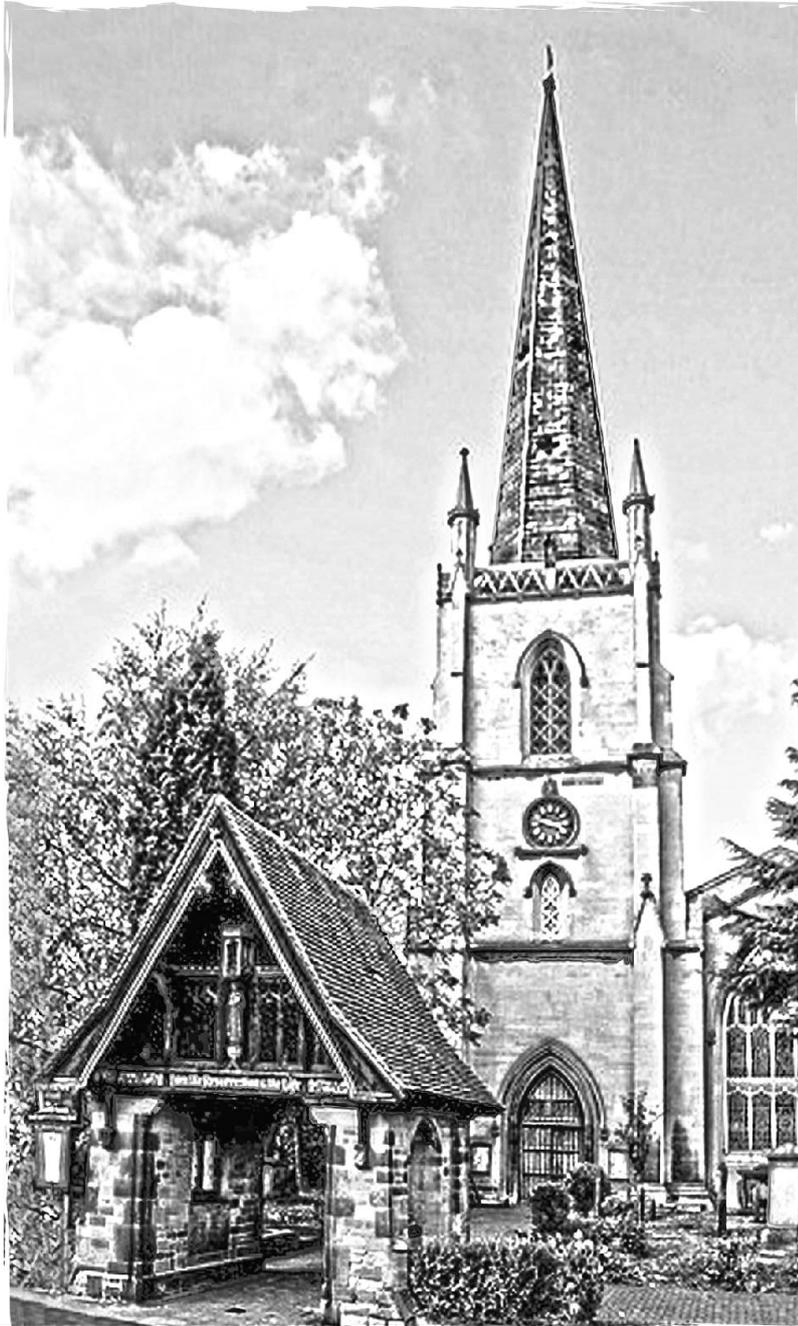


# St matthews church

## *Prayer Diary*



**May 2019**



St. Matthew's Church – **Worshipping** God; **Equipping** his people  
**Growing** his kingdom; **Serving** Walsall.



## **St. Matthew's Verse for the Year 2019.**

**We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78:4**

### **Wednesday 1st May: Carers and Toddlers Group**

Dear Lord, we pray today for this group that starts the next term by meeting in the church today before going into our centre. We ask that all the families and children that attend will see God's love for them through the care and kindness of the leaders and that they will learn more about God through the stories and songs that they sing together. We thank you for guiding these families through our door. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bath Street

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Election Day**

Dear Lord, what an important day it is today for so many people. Please guide all those who are involved in these local elections so that they act honourably and honestly in all that they have to do. There are many countries in the world that do not have a democratic government so help us to appreciate how fortunate we are and not to take our power to influence decisions for granted. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Hanch Place

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: The Homeless and Rough Sleepers.**

Dear Father, today after most of us will have spent Easter with our families, we think of all those who are homeless and have had to spend this special time alone. We thank you for the kindness and dedication of all the people who work in the care organisations that support them. Father, hear the voices of those who need you and help them to feel your love. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Dandy's Walk

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May: For Our Families**

Lord Jesus, today we give thanks to you Lord for our families. You were born into a family in Galilee and will have experienced the security of living in a loving and supportive family. Help us to appreciate the love that we receive from our grandparents, parents and children, who, like you, will love us whatever we do. We thank you that they are there when we have to cope with disappointment but are also there to share in our successes. We ask you to

be with all those who are alone and separated from their families. Help them not to feel isolated and to find the support and love they may be seeking in you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Barleyfields Road

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Forgiving Others**

Dear Lord, as we attend church today, help us to come to you with our hearts open and not bearing any grudges. In life, sometimes people can say or do things that can hurt us. Help us to forgive them as you forgive us. Give us calmness within so that tension will go away and help us to be at peace with one another. May we come to you with openness and without fear or reproach? As we have so freely received from you, help us to give freely of ourselves. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hope Street

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Spring – The Season of Hope and New Life**

Dear Lord, as we enjoy our Spring Bank Holiday, and thank you for the recent beautiful weather. We look forward to more sunny days with blue skies; we thank you for our wonderful world. Spring is a season of change, hope and rebirth. May the sunshine and the rain be reminders that you are at work renewing the earth and as a God of renewal, you are ever at work in our lives too. Open our eyes and lives to where we need to make changes and awaken us to new life and perspective. Amen

Please pray for the residents of St Michael's Street

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Places of Welcome**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for Sara and Pat and their volunteers as they spend each Tuesday ready to welcome any who visit our church with a cup of tea, cake and a chat. We pray for all those who visit. May they find what they seek, whether it is to look around the church or to feel the peace and comfort that just being in your presence may give them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bath Road

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Those facing difficult times in their lives**

Dear Father, we pray today for your guidance and help for all those who are facing a difficult time in their lives, especially those learning to cope with a life threatening illness. Help them to know that you are always with them and will help them cope with whatever life throws at them. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little London

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>. May: Care and Residential Homes.**

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who live in residential homes in our parish. We ask that you give support to those who are physically weak and comfort to those who find life so confusing due to declining age. May the staff who work at these homes be filled with compassion for those who they look after. Thank you Lord that there are members of St Matthew's Church who visit and take the message of your love through Holy Communion. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Highview, Acorns, Maryvale, Gorway House and Crossways homes.

Please pray for the residents of Sandwell Street

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>. May: Other Faiths in Walsall.**

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the many other faiths in Walsall and seek to understand how they differ to our Christian faith. But jointly we care for the homeless and hungry of our town. We pray that all who are involved in providing a meal this evening, both Muslim and Christian during the time of Ramadan, do so in the spirit of togetherness and compassion. Amen

Please pray for the residents of West Bromwich Street

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>. May: Walsall Choral Society Concert.**

Father, we give thanks that so many groups use our church and our buildings for events and celebrations. May we welcome them warmly and may the love of Christ be apparent to all who come. We pray especially for the Choral concert this evening and ask that those who are there appreciate not only the beautiful music but also the beautiful setting and all it represents. Amen

Please pray for the residents of West Bromwich Street

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>. May: St. Matthew's Church.**

Lord God, we give thanks for our church and your congregation. Bring us insight and inspiration so that we know your presence and worship your majesty. Help us to reach out to our neighbouring churches, learning from them, showing and sharing their fellowship in our community and beyond. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Road

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>. May: Team Meeting.**

We give thanks for our church centre and for Adrian who manages the upkeep, finances, and the letting of this building. We pray for the meeting held today shows that the future looks good for bookings for room hire. We give thanks for this building as it is so important to house all the different clubs, activities and meetings held throughout the week. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Grove Terrace

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>. May: Climate Changes, WASUP**

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made.*

Father, we give thanks for our beautiful world which you give us the responsibility to look after. May we all, in our daily living seek to preserve our environment by limiting the use of non renewable materials and support the Walsall Against Single Use Plastic and so help to protect our local eco-system. Amen

Please pray for the residents of New Street

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>. May: Archdeacon's Visitation to Walsall Deanery.**

Dear Lord, we pray today for the visit of the Archdeacon to the Walsall Deanery. As new and present church wardens across the deanery pledge their commitment to you afresh Lord, may they feel the love of your Holy Spirit. Help them to open their minds to see your light so that they may walk with you and know the hope to which you have called them and how rich are the wonderful blessings that you have promised us all. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Hill Street

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Walsall Council**

Dear God, we pray for our town councillors. May all those recently elected undertake their duties with compassion, dedication and concern, reaching out to all who are in need in our community. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bullocks Row

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May: Our God**

*Rock of Ages; Stronghold; Foundation; Constant; Faithful; Never changing;  
Ancient of days; Ground of all being; Alpha and Omega. Amen*

Please pray for the residents of Town Hill

### **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May: Ashmore Park Choir**

Dear Lord, we are so grateful that our wonderful buildings can be used by the community for events such as this. We ask that all who come have a really good evening, and we pray especially that they feel welcomed and at home here. Amen

Please pray for the residents of St Matthew's Close

### **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May: Today's services**

Dear Lord, as we gather together today may we do so with an expectation of meeting with you, of growing our faith, and of loving those around more deeply. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Upper Rushall Street

### **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May: The Leadership Team**

In our prayers we remember tonight's leadership team meeting. Dear Lord please give wisdom and boldness to all who are there, so they may make decisions about St Matthews that please you and accord with your will.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Dudley Street

### **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May: The Food Bank**

Thank you Lord for the Food Bank to which we donate. We are so sorry that people need such resources and we pray that you will be with them. We pray too for those who run the Food Bank. Please bless them in their work and give them the energy to continue this demanding task. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Birmingham Road

### **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Anti-social behaviour round the church**

We pray for those who behave in an anti-social manner around St Matthews, and we remember Lord that you love them as your children. May society in general and our fellowship in particular reach out to them, helping them to tackle the problems they have and showing them that there is more to life than the drugs and alcohol that they take. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Jesson Close

### **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May: European elections**

At this time of political confusion we pray for today's elections. Dear Lord may your hand be on this process, and we pray that whatever the result as a country and as a town we can stay peaceful, united and caring. Moreover, in all the discussions about this and Brexit, may we as your followers conduct ourselves in a way that reflects well on our faith in you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Freer Street

### **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May: Being Friends With God.**

'The Lord would speak to Moses face to face as one speaks to a friend'.

(Exodus 33:11 NIV) When we talk with friends we are unguarded and relaxed and talk about everything, our worries, desires, despair. May we remember that you want us to be completely open and to lay all our concerns on You.

We know that you love us unconditionally and that's what being friends with you is all about. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Sutton Rd

### **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May: Jesus.**

Thank you Jesus that you gave your life for us, and help us to remember that you didn't draw a line at doing 'too much' for us. Help us not only to read your words but to put them into action, and not to deceive ourselves but to listen to what you are saying and demonstrate your love through us by sharing our time, money and love to others. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Small Street

### **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May: St Matthew's Church.**

We give thanks for our beautiful church and for all the services held at St Matthew's. Father we know that many people contribute to the smooth running of our services and give thanks for Jim, for those who preach, prepare prayers, the bell ringers, refreshment providers and to all those who keep the church clean and beautiful with flowers. May our wardens and all those who serve you in these ways feel your love embrace them. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Broadway North

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday.**

Dear Lord, as many people enjoy this bank holiday with family and friends we remember those who are on their own. We pray that we will all have hearts full of compassion and offer hands of friendship to those who are lonely. We pray for all those who are homeless that they will be shown compassion and their circumstances change. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Cambridge Street

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May: St Matthew's Church Centre.**

Dear Father we give thanks for this building where so many groups and clubs meet. We ask that Adrian & Kirsten will enjoy the holiday and recharge their batteries ready for coming back to work. May more activities be undertaken in this building and the use and hire of it increase. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Clews Close

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. He's Working All Things Out For Our Good.**

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him', (Romans 8:28 NIV)

There are so many things in our lives that cause us worry, what each day will bring, money, health issues, even on what to pray for. However we know Father that you work behind the scenes for our good in everything and that we can be a part of your plan if we just trust in you always. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bescot Street

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May: Finance.**

Dear Lord, help us all to be generous with our giving and sharing of our time and money. We give thanks for our treasurer and pray that we can review a possible increase in our giving for the upkeep and running of St Matthew's.

We can never out give you but we can share with one another. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Earl Street

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May: Asian Congregation.**

We give thanks for our Asian brothers and sisters and pray for their services held in the centre. May your love embrace each one of them every day and their love for you encourage more to join in their services and their congregation increase. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Wednesbury Road