

## Youth

### **Youth Church: for 11-14s**

Youth activities, bible teaching and discussion during the 10.45 church service on Sunday in the church centre (we leave church towards the beginning of the service and return at the end).

### **The Joint schools' Christian Union – JCU: for 11-18s**

Christian pupils from different backgrounds in schools across Walsall gather to enjoy socialising, games and seeking God together in worship and talks. This group has been running for over 50 years and seen many young people grow in their faith, gifts and friendships. JCU meet at the Crescent Baptist Church, WS1 2BX on term-time Wednesdays, 4-6pm.

### **BIG youth: for 11-18s from all youth clubs**

On the last Friday of each month we meet together with other church youth groups for BIG youth. These look different each month, so contact Ben to find out where we're meeting and what we're doing!

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### **Sunday Services**

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer

9.00am: Parish Communion

10.45am: Morning Praise

4.00pm: Asian Congregation

6.30pm: Church Hill Praise

### **Social Media**

Facebook: KIDS Club St Matthew's Walsall  
Younger Youth at St Matthew's Walsall

[www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk](http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk)

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# Children, Youth & Families



## Toddler Group

### What is toddler group and who is it for?

Toddler group is a group for parents to bring their children of up to five years old where there are refreshments and activities on a weekly basis. Activities include planting, decorating biscuits, making bookmarks, Mother's Day/Father's Day Cards etc.

As well as entertainment for children it also provides conversations and friendships for parents of children around the same age.

### Is there a cost?

The cost is £1.50 per child which includes refreshments and activities.

### When and where does the toddler group meet?

St. Matthew's Toddler Group meets on Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am in the Church Centre.

## Crèche

Crèche is for children under the age of three and meets in the children's chapel towards the beginning of the service when it is announced. There are a variety of different activities the children can participate in; from singing to crafts based on bible stories. There is a screen and chairs for parents if they wish to stay but there are DBS checked volunteers to look after your child - so feel free to go back into the service and we will come and find you if there's a problem.

## Kids Club

For 5-8 year olds, during term time on a Monday afternoon 3.15-4.45pm at the St Matthew's Church Centre. A free club involving songs, games, craft, a snack and a Bible story. There is a walking bus from Blue Coat Infants available. Speak to Ben Butterfield for more details.

## Younger Youth

For 9-14 year olds, during term time on a Tuesday afternoon 3-4.45pm at the St Matthew's Church Centre. A free club involving team challenges, competitions, sports a snack and a Bible story. There is a walking bus from Blue Coat Infants available. Speak to Ben Butterfield for more details.

## Blue Coat

We also run activities in Blue Coat infant and junior schools including a creative prayer club on Tuesday or Wednesday lunch time. If your children attend Blue Coat please encourage them to come along.

## Holiday Club

Each year during August, St Matthews run a week-long holiday club. The holiday club runs weekday mornings and concludes with a family service on the Sunday following the club. The club uses Christian materials which are aimed at children of a primary school age.

## Children's Church

On the first Sunday of the month, the 10.45am service is an All Age service with everyone worshipping together.

On the second, third and fourth Sundays, children aged 3 to 11 are invited to go to Children's Church (our Sunday School) around 11am. The Children's Church leaders meet the children at the back of church after about 15 minutes of the service and go with them to the Church Centre across the car park. The leaders have all had DBS checks and are trained in safeguarding and some in first aid.

Children's Church is made up of two groups – Group 1- for pre-school children to Y2 and Group 2 for Y3 to Y6. The activities include Bible stories, games, crafts, drama, prayer and worship with the emphasis on fun and learning. The sessions use Scripture Union materials based on biblical stories. The children are brought back to church at the end of the service around 12pm.

On the fifth Sunday of the month everyone is in church together for an All Age Communion service. There are also special events such as a Christmas party and summer picnic. All children are most welcome to join us.

## Toddler Bible Study

Monday 9-11.00am in the St Matthew's Children's Chapel. A chance to get together with others and interactively study the bible.