

Newsletter Sunday 18th and 25th August 2019



What's on this week

Sun 18th 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Holy Communion (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)

Mon 19th

Tues 20th 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)

Wed 21th 7.30pm - Bellringing Practice

Thurs 22nd 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)

Fri 23rd

Sat 24th

Sun 25th 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)

Mon 26th

Tues 27th 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
Office Closed

Wed 28th 7.30pm - Bellringing Practice

Thurs 29th 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)

Fri 30th

Sat 31st

Sun 1st 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - All Age Worship (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)



Morning Prayer

No morning prayer the next two weeks

Dates for your Diary

Fri 20th & Sat 21st Heritage Open Weekend

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

Prayer Requests

From our prayer cards and email prayers... please pray for Carl, Suki, Iris, baby Indiana, Pamela Brown, Peter Leloup, Frank Oketi and family. We pray for the family and friends of John Williams.

Baptisms

For anyone interested we will be having baptisms by immersion on Sunday 22nd September at the 10.45am service. If you would like to be baptised, please speak to Jim.

Cold Callers A member of the congregation would like to remind people to be vigilant and cautious whilst talking to people on the phone - always check that the caller is legit. For example, you can do this by hanging up and ringing your bank yourself.

Spring Harvest is coming to Wolverhampton on Wednesday 25th September at All Nations Church, Temple Street. 7.30pm. Tickets 10 and 8 on door, or 8 and 6 in advance. I would like to go but not on my own. If anyone wants to come let me know. Sue Webster 01922 629547

Get in the frame to win £5,000 for St Matthew's Ecclesiastical Insurance are offering churches who showcase their hidden treasures the chance of winning £5,000. Parish Pixels is a new national photography competition for Anglican churches. Churches must submit a single photo and one-sentence caption of people, places, artefacts or anything that highlights the uniqueness of a church or its importance to the local community. It's free to enter and regional prizes of £1,500 are also available. Please speak to Jim if you are interested in entering on behalf of St Matthew's Church.

Services over the summer holidays

- 8am and 9am services will run as normal over the Summer holidays.
- CHP is on a summer break for the last week of July and throughout August.
- The 10.45am service during the summer holidays will be slightly reduced in length. Suitable activities for Children's Church will be available. Crèche will run as normal for the Under 3s.

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

Crèche Volunteers The babies and toddlers at St Matthew's are growing so quickly! If you would be interested in volunteering once a month for the Crèche, please speak to Hannah Dallaway. Thank you

New Wine Day in Telford - Saturday 14th September A day of teaching and worship, led by Mark Aldridge from New Wine. This day will give opportunities to worship God, listen to teaching from Mark, and pray together. Don't miss it! More specific details to follow, so stay up to date by checking out our website, www.allsaints-wellington.org. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. There will be a small unsupervised crèche area with a video and sound link too in case you attend with little ones. The day will be followed by an evening celebration. It's free, but ticketed, so please click on this link to book. If you are interested in going, speak to Sue Webster. Webster.

Diocesan Digest at 30! The Diocesan Digest Sound Magazine of Lichfield Cathedral for blind or partially sighted people celebrates 30 years of continuous monthly production with a service of choral evensong in the cathedral on Sunday 22 September at 3pm. The service will be followed by tea and cake and all are welcome. Chairman Eric Harding said: "This is a truly wonderful milestone. We rely on the dedication of our volunteers to make sure the magazine is recorded and dispatched every month without fail." The magazine was originally sent out on tapes but now is sent on memory stick or can be

heard [online](#). Find out more on Facebook [@diocesandigest](#). If you know of potential listeners, or would like to support the work, ring 07986 954859 or email soundmag@lichfield-cathedral.org

Training a new generation of evangelists with Advance 2020 The Evangelist Movement exists to promote and stir up the gift of the evangelist, building towards a huge year of outreach throughout the UK in 2020. Read more at <https://advance2020.org/>

Tastelife Tastelife is a Christian-based charity that aims to help people break free from eating disorders. Sadly, for an ever-increasing number of people, this is not the case. An estimated 4 million people in the UK have life-controlling food related problems. Limited NHS mental health services mean there is currently very little support available to help those with eating disorders. To fill this gap, [tastelifeuk](#) provides vital help for recovery through a unique 8-session community course for sufferers and their friends or family. The [tastelife](#) course is fully accredited by the University of Brighton Health Sciences. It offers teaching, discussion, stories of recovery, and tools for life. It is based on Christian values but suitable for those of all faiths or none, with an optional Church Supplement. It is for all ages, and genders. More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/2SJWHaM>

Anticipating Advent Our annual Diocesan 'Anticipating Advent' exchange visit to the Nordkirche (the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northern Germany) is taking place this year from 28th November to the 2nd December in Güstrow. We are particularly keen for people who have never visited our German link before to participate. These are especially important times for our European links. To get cheaper advance flights and to help us to coordinate our programme, please inform Terry Bloor terry.bloor@btinternet.com by August 31st. Please note in line with our Diocesan Environmental Policy participants will be encouraged to carbon offset their flight through www.climatestewards.org/. Travelling by train is also possible and we are finding out timings and costs for this.

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 Staffing in August

Over the summer holidays the church office will be running a skeleton staff. Although there will be staff in the office most days, there may be the occasional day when the phone cannot be answered. In an emergency, please contact Jim or one of the church wardens.

Mental Health First Aid The Mental Health First Aid <http://bit.ly/2YBtco8> course at Doxey, Stafford, will take place on Wednesday 2nd and 16th October at the same venue. If you'd like to attend

Steve Legg at St Thomas' Aldridge 13th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 and include a light meal, can be obtained from St Thomas' Church Office on 01922 453942 or from Keith Capp on 01922 453615. Steve is an evangelist from West Sussex who has travelled widely both in the UK and internationally using a mixture of comedy, trickery and escapology to communicate the gospel. More detail is available at <http://bit.ly/2Mlr9NG>. (Jim has seen Steve a number of times and highly recommends him!)

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)
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- ◇ **Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Anne Tolley 07518 339606
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- ◇ **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
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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

