

Newsletter Sunday 1st September 2019



What's on this week

- Sun 1st** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Holy Communion (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
- Mon 2nd** 8.45am - Blue Coat Academy Staff Service (Church)
7.30pm - Standing Committee (Rectory)
- Tues 3rd** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
- Wed 4th** 6.00pm - Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
7.30pm - Bellringing Practice
- Thurs 5th** 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
- Fri 6th** 7.30pm - Signs for Worship (Centre)
- Sat 7th** 4.30pm - Wedding of Jake Lilly and Sally-ann Collingwood (Church)
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9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
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6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)

Morning Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7.30am (Church)

Weds 8.00am (Blue Coat)

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 Mark and Esther Westbury, Sue Lees, Joan Cartridge and Colin Townsend.

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.

Jake and Hannah Madin will be moving to Scarborough in October to begin their first post: a shared post of 20's-40's minister at St Mary's with Holy Apostles Scarborough. The post is a part of the diocese of York's strategy to reach people the church isn't currently reaching <https://multiplyreach.org/>. Jake and Hannah will be working to set up a new worshipping community reaching people in their 20s, and 40s by the end of the 5 year post.

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.

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

Ethical Money Walsall Saturday 14th September 'A time to explore connections between faith and money'. An interactive workshop led by Colin Darling, 10am-1pm at St Pauls, The Crossing. To register email colin.darling@eccr.org.uk and for more information check www.eccr.org.uk

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

Youth Evangelism Fund The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: 'I am committed to seeing the next generation of young people mobilised in mission – both in words and actions. As we build on the investment of the Youth Evangelism Fund, I look forward to seeing young people in mission, taking a lead in seeing communities transformed by Christ.' Applications can be made for amounts up to £2,000 and must be made by someone under the age of 18 from any denomination. That young person may be assisted in making the application by their youth leader or parent, but it must be clear that the first part of the application is being made by the young person. The second part should be filled in by the youth leader so we have a contact point and so as to comply with our safeguarding procedures www.churchofengland.org/yef

Together 2020 Save the date Start the New Year and a new decade with a mega Christian celebration Saturday 4th January 2020 5pm - 8pm Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich. Book a place on the St Matthew's coach for a multi-generational gathering of people from all over the Black Country to celebrate what God is doing and to imagine what is yet to come. Don't miss out! Booking details to follow.

Black Country Foodbank In July we donated 94 kg of food and nearly 8 kg of non-food items to the Black Country Foodbank. Thank you very much and please keep putting donations in the box by the entrance.



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. It's EASY! For more information, speak to Kirsten.

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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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

