

Newsletter Sunday 1st March 2020



- 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)
- Mon 2nd** 9.00am - Play and Pray (Church)
1.30pm - Palfrey School visit (Church)
3.15pm - Kids Club (Centre)
7.30pm - PCC (Church)
- Tues 3rd** 8.40am - Blue Coat Academy KS3 Assembly (Church)
10.00am - Open Church
3.20pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Wed 4th** 8.30am - Blue Coat 6th Form Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Toddlers (Centre)
4.00pm - JCU (Crescent Baptist Church)
7.30pm - Bellringing Practice
7.30pm - Bible Course (Church Centre)
- Thurs 5th** 2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
7.45pm - Town Centre Ministries (Central Hall)
- Fri 6th** 8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Church Open, Cleaning and Flower Arrangers (Church)
10.30am - World Day of Prayer (St Paul's Church)
6.30pm - Signs for Worship Workshop (Centre)
8.00pm - Signs for Worship Walsall Service (Centre)
- Sat 7th**
Sun 8th 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Thanksgiving (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 Academy)

Further Ahead

- Mon 9th** 7.30pm - Homegroup leaders meeting (Rectory)
Wed 11th 10.30am - Funeral of Kathleen Barker (Church)
7.30pm - Bible Course (Church Centre)
Mon 16th 7.30pm - Leadership Team (Rectory)

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



Prayer Requests From our prayer cards and email prayers. Please pray for Rob, Emma, Steve, Danny, Ann, João, David, Iris and Maureen.

St Matthew's Church Giving

You can give direct to the church in a number of ways including the collection plate or by the contactless payment at the machine at the back of the church. If you would like to give to St Matthew's by Bank Standing Order, there are forms available at the back of church. Gift Aid forms are also available at the back of church.

Another way is through

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

Passage and Praise Friday 20th March 7.30pm Join us for an evening of worship, led by members of the band, giving thanks and praise to the Lord through music. The evening will also include readings from the Bible, exploring the roots in scripture that the songs come from. All are welcome!

Jesus Money The intention of these weekly questions is to help families and friends talk more about a Christian perspective on money. Today's question is: "Have you got any good saving tips?"

Electoral Roll

St Matthew's church is revising its electoral roll until Sunday 1st March. It is displayed on the church noticeboard. Please speak to Rev Jim if you would like to join or notice a mistake.



First Aid Course We are planning to offer another one-day first aid course including a paediatric element on a date to be arranged – 12 people maximum. We hope this will be of interest to potential new first aiders as well as to those whose certificates expire shortly. A small donation towards the cost may be requested, as previously (less than half the actual cost of the course). If you are interested, please speak to Judith or email ridgway@talktalk.net.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020 This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal 'Precious In My Sight' will support some of the most vulnerable members of society. It will contribute to the campaign to keep Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall open so they can continue their vital work with children and families. The appeal will also support clergy families under pressure in our Link Diocese of Matlosane, South Africa. More details on how to give to the appeal will be available soon.

ROTAS Paper rotas for March and April are now available to collect at the back of church. Please check the roles carefully and swap ASAP if you cannot fulfil your role.

Church Communications We are pleased to announce that the Leadership Team has agreed for Mike Ray to take on the role of "Communications coordinator" for St Matthew's church. As many will know Mike is already doing many of the things already associated with this. Initially Mike will be spending time completing an audit of our current communications and policies, especially those that are linked to the internet or social media. In due course Mike will report back to the Leadership Team and PCC. If anyone would like to make any comments or suggestions, please contact Mike.

Lent 2020 During Lent, Lichfield Diocese's #CHADLiving team are releasing a series of videos on practical ways to care for creation on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. These are linked to the themes in our diocesan Lent Book for 2020 is 'Saying Yes To Life' by Ruth Valerio. A helpful list of pledges about practical ways to make a difference is now on our website. The Archbishops of the Anglican Communion are calling churches to a week of prayer and repentance during the fifth week of Lent,

29 March-5 April. Details and resources are at <http://anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx> and available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

Church of England's advice on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Please see the separate advice sheet and please continue to pray for all those affected by Coronavirus and those caring for them.

Taste and See – Reader Training Designed to give you a broad introduction to the content and expectations of Reader Training - it's a great opportunity to gain insight and ask any questions you may have. Each session includes an act of worship, a general introduction to Reader Training and a taster teaching session. The nearest taster sessions to Walsall are: Wolverhampton – Monday 16th March, 6.30-9pm, The Church at Perton, Anders Square, Perton.

Lichfield – Saturday 28th March
10am–12.30pm, Three Spires House, Lichfield
To book your place email
jodie.galley@lichfield.anglican.org

Silent No More Conference Women who have suffered sexual abuse as a child will be able to find help and solace at a new ground-breaking national conference set up to tackle this taboo topic. Restoration Church in Walsall hopes this will be the catalyst for change to equip and release women who have suffered from childhood sexual abuse. Speakers are: Patricia, a committed Christian, who was neglected and abused between the ages of 14 and 16, along with Laura Brett from Press Red (a ministry which aims to eradicate abuse and violence against women) and Claudia Bell from Thirtyone:eight (a Christian Charity which aims to protect vulnerable people from abuse). It will be held on May 16th, 2020 at The Village Hotel in Walsall. The conference will be interspersed with worship and prayer. To book go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/silent-no-more-tickets-78902538617?aff=ebdssbeac>

Church Repair and Maintenance

Tuesdays 10am-3pm. Fridays 9.30am-12.30 pm. Feel free to drop in and give an hour or more to assist when you can spare the time. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Signs of God Easter Workshop An experienced team of tutors will help you to explore how you can use BSL in a Christian setting, with a focus on the Easter Story. The day will be accessible and suitable for all levels of BSL or none. Deaf people are always welcome along. Do invite your friends. Come and enjoy a day of teaching and practical training in a relaxed environment. Refreshments will be provided, please bring your own lunch. Only £20 for a whole day of superb and fun teaching. Saturday 14th March, 10am-4pm, in the church. Please contact Colin for more information, or to book, go to <http://bit.do/easterbsl>

Safeguarding leadership training

There are places available on the leadership half-day training modules (formerly C2/C3) which are being delivered across the diocese and at St Mary's House, Lichfield. To book a place on your selected date, go to https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding_training/ or phone Chris Donlin on 01543 306030.

Lent Lunchtime Services 2020

They are held at the Upper Room in St Pauls. Lunch is served at 12.00pm, and the talk begins at 1.10pm. This coming Wednesday, 4th March, the talk is 'The Man at the Pool'.

We are in Fairtrade Fortnight! The Fairtrade organisation makes a massive difference to so many of the world's poorest. When you are out shopping please look for chocolate, sugar, honey, wine, coffee, tea and other goods with the Fairtrade logo on, and make Fairtrade a habit.

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
- ◇ **Email Prayer Requests** (non-confidential) prayer@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk
- ◇ **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

