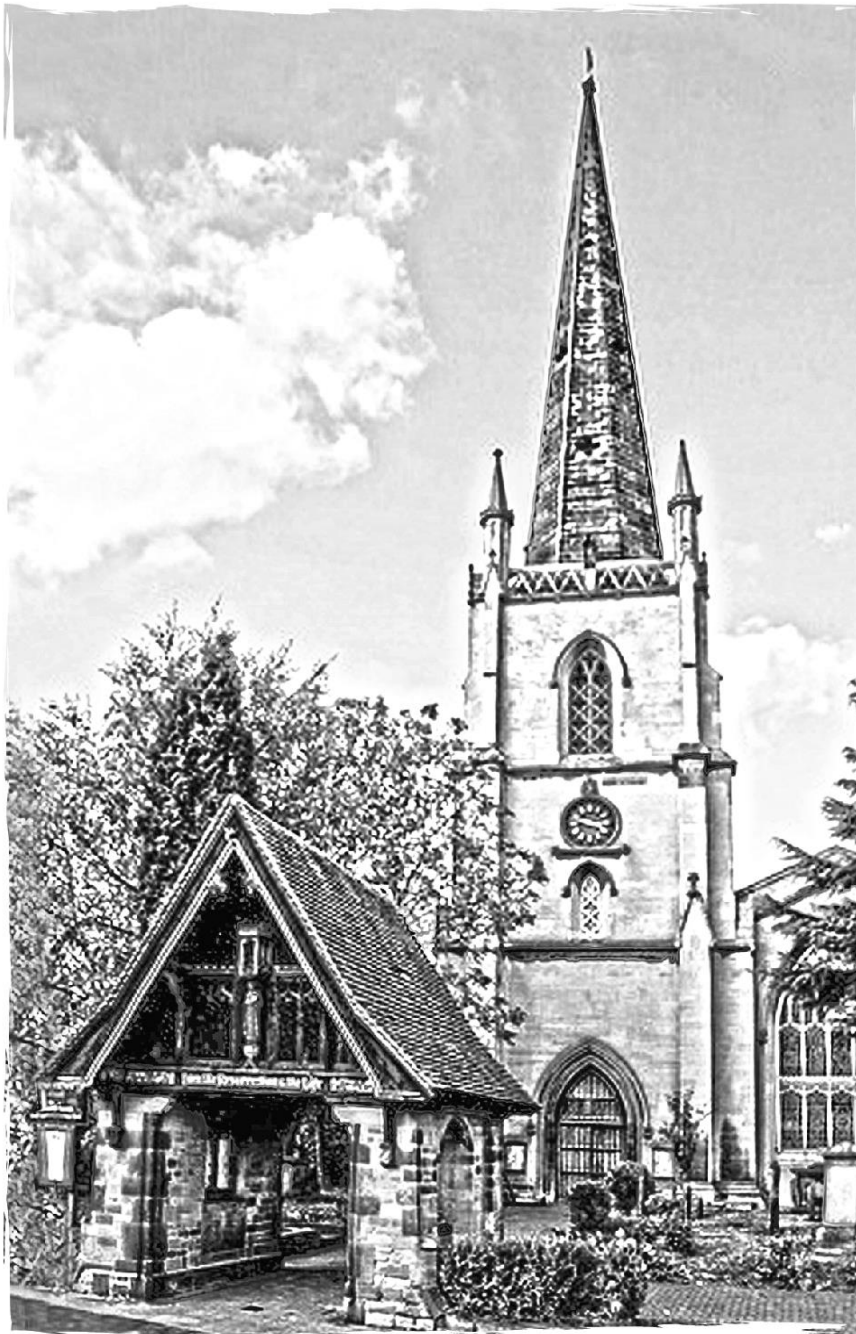


# St matthews church

## *Prayer Diary*



**March 2020**



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

**But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.**



**(James 3:17)**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Support for Victims of Recent Storms and Flooding**

Dear Lord, today we think of all those families and individuals that have been affected by last month's dreadful storms. As many are still cleaning up their homes after the recent floods, we ask you to be with them all, to guide and support them whilst their lives are so full of worries and troubles. We also thank you for all those working in the Public Services that had to work such long hours to help all those affected by the storms. During this period there were many small acts of kindness, with neighbours looking out for each other and other people helping strangers at their time of need. Help us to become a more caring society, not just in times of trouble but every day. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Newport Street

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Palfrey School Visit & PCC Meeting**

Holy Father, we pray for all the children, parents, teachers and friends who will be visiting our church today. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful church and wish others to enjoy visiting. We pray that with your guidance all the schools in our area will flourish. We also pray for all the PCC members as they meet tonight. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Street

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Fairtrade Fortnight**

Thank you Lord for the fantastic work done by the Fairtrade Foundation, and the way it has helped so many of the world's poorest live better lives. Please bless and guide its leadership so they can continue their work amongst all the pressures on them at the moment, and please help us to make buying Fairtrade goods a habit. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Lane

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Lent Lunches and Bible Study Course**

Lord, as the period of Lent commences, help us to draw nearer to you during this time of reflection. We thank you that so many people attend the Lent lunches and pray especially for all those that lead this lunchtime worship.

Help us to realise that nothing is impossible for you and that you are able to

achieve such great things through the lives of those who believe and put their trust in you. We also pray for all those attending tonight's Bible study. Amen. Please pray for the residents of Mountrath Street

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Love Walsall Breakfast, Resources Exhibition and Town Centre Ministry**

Holy Father, on this busy day in our church we ask you to watch over and support all those involved in all the activities that are taking place today. Help them all to put you at the centre of all they do and any decisions that they have to make. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Place

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Women's World Day of Prayer**

Dear Father, as women around the world pray together on the theme 'Rise, take your mat and walk', prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, we think of these women who face so many difficult challenges in their lives. Help them to feel your love and to know how important they are to you. They are all your children and you are aware of their vulnerability, loneliness and fear and offer them welcome, acceptance, forgiveness and love. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Walk

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Make us Better People**

Dear Lord, help us to love one another and let us open our eyes to see all the right and wrong that we have done. Let us open our lips to speak what is right and not wrong. Help us to live our lives as you would want by being caring, loving, and respectful to others and to follow in Jesus' footsteps by being kind and treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Glebe Street

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Our weekends**

Dear Lord, we thank you for our weekends, for the break from work that enables us to spend time with our friends and family and to go to church to praise and thank you. We pray for all those who have to work on Saturdays and Sundays. You laboured for six days to create our world and rested on the Sabbath. Help us to remember you in our leisure time. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hart Street

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>. March: Home Group Leaders Meeting.**

Father, we thank you for our Home groups, for all those people who meet together to learn more about you and share in fellowship and friendship. We pray for the support they give to each other. We thank you for the leaders of each of these groups and pray especially for Priscilla and Judith as they research and plan the themes for study. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Mount Street

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup>. March: Walsall Town Centre.**

Father, we pray for your guidance over our town of Walsall. As St Matthew's Church stands on the hill over the town may your Holy Spirit flow down through the streets, shops and meeting places. May our historic church draw your people to seek and meet with you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of White Street

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>. March: Lent Lunch at St Pauls, The Samaritan Women.**

Father, we pray that all those who are able to hear Tim Summersby speak on this Bible passage today will hear afresh the words of Jesus that we are all equal regardless of race, social position or past sins. Give us the skills to spread this message across Walsall. Amen

**The Bible Course Session 5, Exile and the Prophets.**

As the course takes us through the importance of the leaders that you, Lord put in place to lead your people then may we have church and civic leaders that will lead by the words in Amos 5. 21,24

*"But let the justice roll down like waters, and rightness like an ever-flowing stream"* Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Brace Street

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>. March: Mission to York Diocese.**

Father we pray for Jim as he attends this mission weekend "Come and See" in York. May he and all those attending be filled afresh with the power of the Holy Spirit and that will reflect upon us and encourage us to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to those we meet. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Corporation Street

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>. March: Homeless and Rough Sleepers.**

Father, we pray for those in our town of Walsall that are living in sub-standard housing or choose to sleep in disused buildings or doorways and are driven to beg on the streets to feed their habit for drugs or alcohol. As the Night Shelter facility draws to a close we pray that those civic leaders of our town will continue to have compassion to offer help and support. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Waterly Lane

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>. March: Signs of Worship Workshop**

Father, we pray for all those who are attending this workshop today; learning and developing the skills of how to worship you in sign language. We give thanks for the time they give to this training, in attending other churches and sharing their skills, to enable all of your people to know the word of the Lord. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Tasker Street

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>. March: Today's services**

Dear Lord, it is awesome to think that today we are joining the countless millions of people around the world who are meeting together to worship you. We pray that the services in St Matthew's will be times of great blessings when those who are there really feel your presence and your love. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Woodcutter Close

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Leadership Team**

Dear Lord, please give wisdom to our leadership team as it meets tonight. May it see the vision you have for our church, and may it have the boldness to make decisions so that vision can become a reality. Amen

Please pray for the residents of South Street

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March: Inspiring Faith Conference**

We pray for tomorrow's Inspiring Faith Conference. We ask that it may do just that, inspiring those who go along to spread their faith and to motivate others to do likewise. We pray too that our own faith may grow, and that we may also be inspired to an ever greater desire to spread the good news about you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Camben Street

### **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March: Bible Course**

Thank you God for the Bible Course and those who go along. Through the teaching and discussions may they find wonders in the Bible they had never yet seen, and may their faith blossom and grow as a result. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Rutter Street

### **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March: Tomorrow's Finance meeting**

Please Lord be with tomorrow's finance meeting. We are so grateful for those who give of their time and talent to manage our finances, and we ask that you will guide them in how to look after the money wisely. May we have faith though in your bountifulness and your provision, and whilst we want to be good stewards, may our trust always be in you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Spout Lane

### **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March: BCA Assembly & Bishop Clive**

Dear Lord, it is such an encouragement that the Academy has its weekly assembly in our church. May those be times when the pupils really learn about the Christian faith and all it truly means. And today, we pray especially for Bishop Clive being there, and ask that he speaks Godly words of wisdom and relevance to the pupils and staff. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Milton Street

### **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>. March: St Matthew's Church Family**

Dear Lord, we pray today for all the members of our church family, not only those who attend our services but all those involved in our church in some way. Many different services, activities, clubs and meetings take place each week all attended by members of our church. Help them all to realise that they are part of a much bigger family and we ask you to be with them all – not only the leaders of these groups and meetings, but with all those who attend. Together we can support and help each other and encourage and welcome others to be members of this wonderful family. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Junction Street

### **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Mothers' Day**

We are so grateful dear Lord for all the women who help look after others, whether mothers or not. We each thank you for the love and commitment of our own mothers, as well as the relatives, teachers, care staff and all the ladies who have nurtured and cared for us over the years. We remember especially those who have the challenge of bringing up children by

themselves. We ask that you give them the energy, patience and support they need for that hard hard job. Amen

Please pray for the residents of South Street Gardens

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March: The Annual General Meeting / Staff meeting**

Dear Lord, as we look back on the last 12 months, we thank you for all you have done through us. We give thanks for the many people who work tirelessly to deliver the message of your love to the people of Walsall through a whole range of groups, services and activities. And as we look forward to the next 12 months, we give thanks for all that you will achieve through us. May we rise up to the challenge to be your hands and feet in this town. We pray too for the staff as they meet today. Thank you so much for their dedication. May the meeting empower them and encourage them to continue in their work. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Midland Road

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March: Leadership Course.**

Father we pray for all those attending the leadership course over the next few days. Give them discernment, honesty and integrity as they proceed through various tasks in their leadership roles. We pray for leaders in all walks of life that they will be true to the course of action that is required and have the leadership skills to proceed with the tasks arisen. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Thorpe Road

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March: Blue Coat academy Governors.**

We give thanks for all our Blue Coat schools and for the wonderful Christian ethos which emanates throughout. We give thanks for all of the governors and especially for those attending the Academy meeting this evening. We pray that the meeting will be successful in all areas of the agenda and all those present feel the direction they should take being led by you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Arundel Street

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March: Hydesville Spring Concert.**

Lord, as many people attend this concert at St Matthew's today we ask that as they enter the building a feeling of peace and tranquility will wrap itself around them. May they feel loved and welcomed and feel your amazing presence. Thank you that our local schools want to hold their concerts in St Matthew's and may this be a time when they encounter you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Windsor Street

**Friday, 27th March: Prayer.**

We bring before you Father all our worries and difficulties. We know that Jesus encouraged us through the parables he told to be persistent in prayer (Luke 11:5-13: 18:1-8), even when things appear unanswered. Help us to have faith to keep believing in your providence and may we remember that you always have the best course of action for our lives in your sight. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Brookhouse Road

**Saturday, 28th March: 12 Bells Competition.**

Dear Lord we pray for all those taking part in this competition at St Matthew's today. We give thanks for John Edlin and the team of bell ringers who come each week to call people to worship. Thank you for their dedication to you and St Matthew's. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Cornwall Road

**Sunday, 29th March: Dream.**

Oh Lord, guide us to dream the dream and be the person you made us to be, so that your will may be done and your kingdom established on earth as it is in heaven. Help us to be bold in our actions, in our words and in all that we do so that people who have not yet come to know you will be inspired by what they see in us and reach out for you to be also in their lives. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Edinburgh Road

**Monday, 30th March: Children's Church Meeting.**

Dear Lord we give thanks for all the helpers, leaders and especially for Priscilla as she guides us in the teaching and lessons throughout the year. We pray that more children will want to come along to the sessions and pray that you will guide all those involved. We pray for all those attending tonight and ask that you will lay on people's hearts anything you feel should be discussed. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Orwell Road

**Tuesday, 31st March: Youth Work.**

We give thanks for Ben Butterfield and all those who help to lead worship with the youth in St Matthew's. Our world is so demanding of time for our youngsters with sport, social media plus many other distractions and so we ask that you will encourage all those who attend, and may they feel the



difference of having YOU in their lives, help them to stand firm in their faith.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Boscobel Road