



Bulletin from St Matthew's Walsall

Sunday 24th May 2020

(This bulletin also includes some highlights from the past week's online bulletins)

We've paused our services but we haven't stopped

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

Prayer requests

Please pray for Katie's Nan, Norman, Annette, Judith Hurst, Maureen Platt, Pam Thornley, . Please also remember the family and friends of Una Alleyne, Melvin Cummings, Miriam Edwards and Barbara Holder.

Please also pray for all those diagnosed with Covid-19 and those looking after them.

Good News

Hi everyone! Hope you're all keeping well. Alfredo and I wanted to share some news with you all - we are having a baby! Baby Melendez is due on 22nd November. We really wish we could have told you all in person, but we're looking forward to hopefully being able to celebrate with you all soon. We really miss you all, but we're keeping you all in our prayers and thoughts and looking forward to seeing you again when we come out the other side of the lockdown. God bless you all. Lots of love, Ness and Alfredo xxx

Homegroups

The church building may be closed but the homegroups are still going strong! The leaders and members are supporting each other in various ways both spiritually and practically. Some groups are continuing with Bible studies via Zoom, video, reading books and following notes. Homegroup members share personal prayer requests with each other and are in regular contact through email, text, social media and phone calls. Some leaders and members support their groups by doing shopping or picking up prescriptions.

If you'd like to join a homegroup for this season of lockdown, please contact Priscilla or Judith and they will tell you about the various groups, and suggest which one might be the best fit for you. You can contact Priscilla at priscillatrod@btinternet.com or on 07984 626637 and Judith at ridgway@talktalk.net or on 07490 488144.

Sad news

Yesterday we heard the sad and unexpected news that Melvin Cummings one of our church members had died of a heart attack. Melvin was a regular at a number of our services and would often join Jim for prayer at 7.30am each weekday morning in the church. Please pray for his family and friends at this sad time.

This week's Money Question

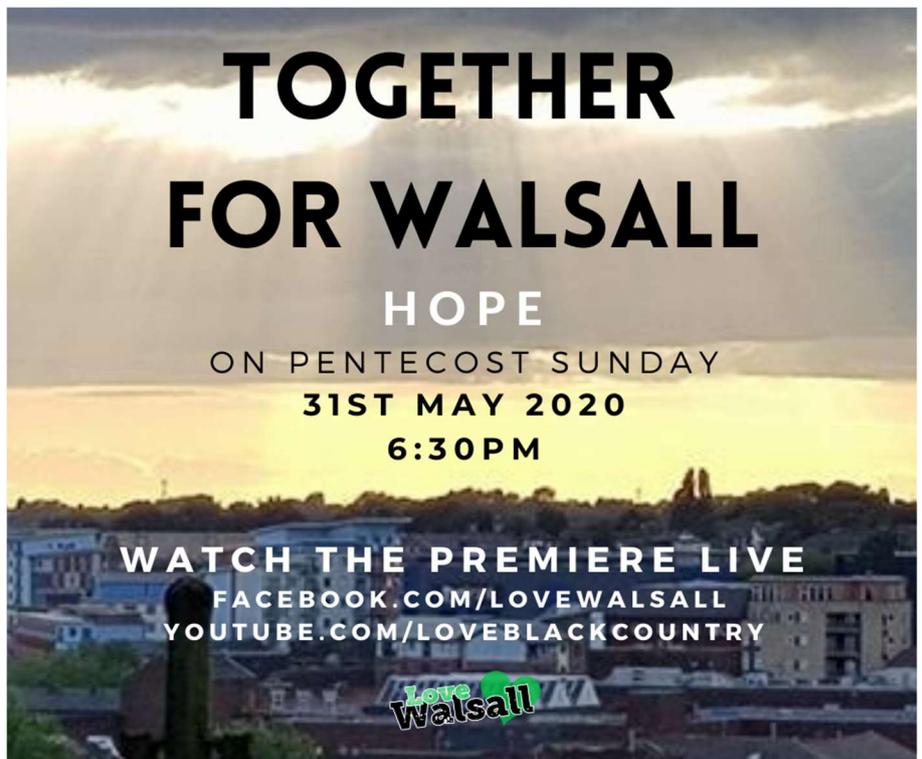
These weekly questions are to help families and friends talk more about a Christian perspective on money. Today's question is: "How often do you worry about money?"



Thy Kingdom Come - Care for those you are praying for, pray for those you are caring for
Next Sunday (31st May) is Pentecost. In the run up to Pentecost, a global prayer event is held called Thy Kingdom Come. During these difficult and trying times, we believe that now more than ever, presents an incredible opportunity for the Church worldwide, to unite in prayer so that our family, friends and neighbours will come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ for themselves. One of our Key themes for Thy Kingdom Come is **prayer and care**. As we are praying for those we love to come to know the hope and love of Christ we also are encouraging all to see how they can show God's love towards them. By caring for them.

Here are 5 ideas on how we can care and love those we know, even when we are socially distanced:

1. Keep up contact. Make a phone call, send an email, letter or card saying that you are praying for them at this time.
2. Keep an eye out for the anniversaries of life events. Make that phone call to let people know you care.
3. Send a small gift or book purchased on line, maybe insert life words etc.
4. Serve where you can in delivering groceries or medications.
5. Make sure the people you pray for know how much you value them by whatever means you can find.



Pentecost will be celebrated with a collaborative online service by churches across Walsall going live on Facebook and YouTube at 6.30pm.

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