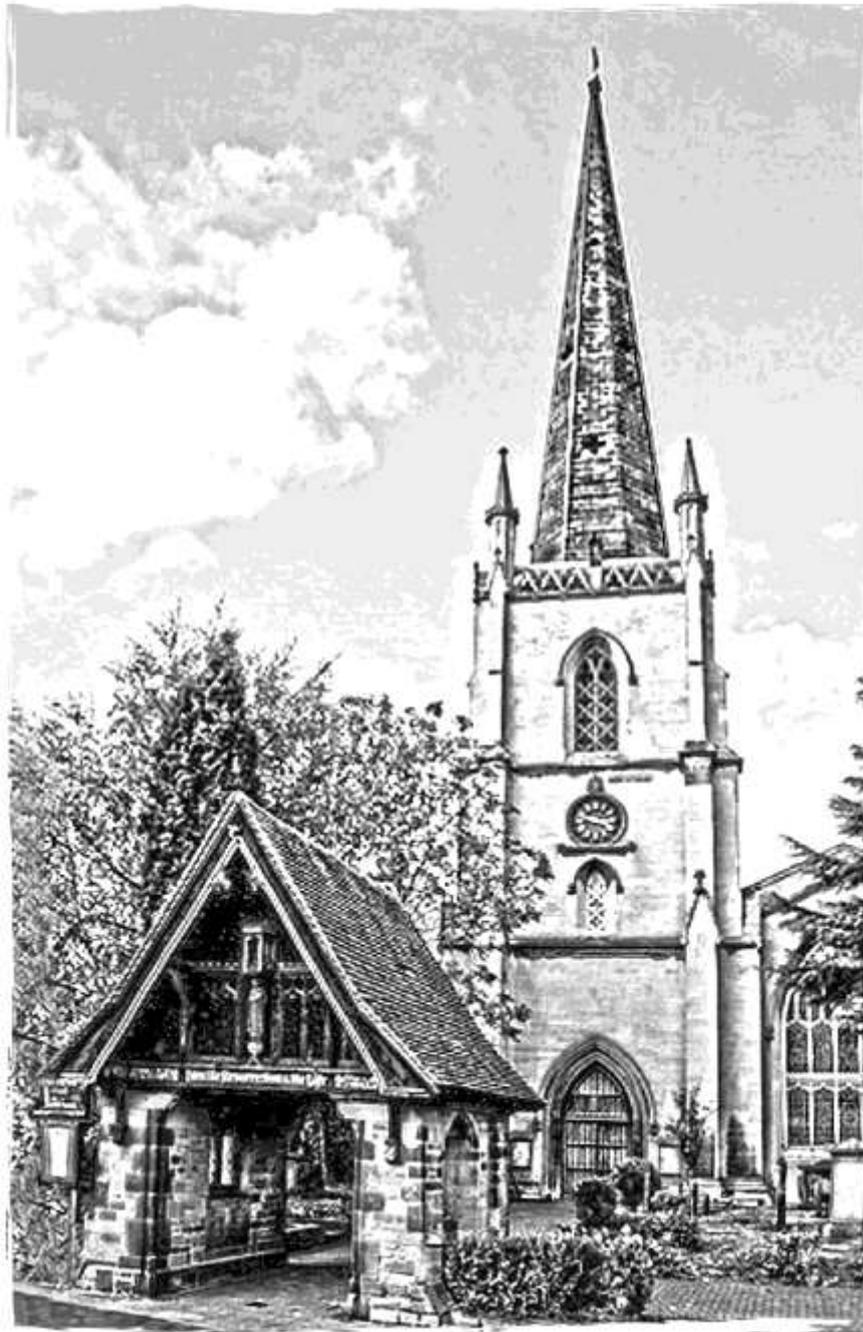


St matthews church

Prayer Diary



October 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)



Thursday 1st October: Trood Family Wedding

Dear Lord, today on this special day in the Trood family, we ask you to pour out your blessings on them all. Due to the pandemic, the wedding of Will and Emma had already been delayed once and a new venue found. Today in Stoke, Jim will be conducting the service on what will be such a memorable occasion, that at times they must have all thought would never happen. We pray that all at the service, despite the reduced numbers, will feel your presence and love and that Will and Emma will have a wonderful day and a future life together that is filled with faith, love and a growing trust in you. We thank you for sending this special family to us here in St Matthew's and for all the caring and love they show to us and others in your name. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Christ Church Grove

Friday 2nd October: The Seasons.

Dear Lord, as summer ends and we get ready for the long nights and cooler days of autumn and winter, we thank you for the changing seasons and for being part of your creation that is full of rhythm and cycles. We have cycles in our lives too as we evolve and move through all the amazing changes that you have in store for us. You are the architect of a world that works perfectly and we pray that we can move in harmony with all that you have planned for our lives. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Stablewood Grove

Saturday 3rd October: Confidence to be ourselves

Dear Father, let now be our time to go forward and be set free from the torments of comparing ourselves with others and trying to be someone we are not. Help us to realise that you love us despite all our faults and are proud of how you made us to be. We are all children of your creation and our heavenly Father is so proud of his children. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Beaconsfield Court

Sunday 4th October: Harvest Celebration.

Father our celebration of your everlasting gift of the harvest is different this year as we will join together in thanks and praise via our online service and church service. We see in the fields the harvest being gathered as the summer sun has ripened the corn, the rain has watered the fruit and vegetables and the cycle continues whatever else is happening. Thank you Lord and may our donations to the Black Country Foodbank and monies to Christian Aid Coronavirus Emergency Appeal help those in Walsall and further afield. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Loriners Grove

Monday 5th October: Ourselves.

Dear Father, we are sorry that we are sometimes selfish and let others down. We are sorry when we do not care what you want. We are sorry that we often forget about you. Thank you that you promise to forgive us when we are sorry. Please help us to think about others' needs and not just our own. Please help us to do, think and say what you would like. Please help us to remember you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of your road and neighbours.

Tuesday 6th October: Trust

Dear Lord, we thank you that we are able to come to you in prayer and ask for your guidance in any part of our lives that we are concerned about. Help us to listen and to trust in your response. As, like Joshua outside the walls of Jericho, the reply we get may not be what we expected but we ask that you help us listen to you and to follow wherever and however you guide us. Amen
Please pray for the residents of George Street

Wednesday 7th October: Alpha Course Starts.

Father, as the Alpha course starts this evening in a different format to other years we pray that many will be called to explore the Christian faith through these videos and talks. May those who have been following the online St Matthew's Sunday services but never felt engaged in faith before take that next step and many who are Christians use this opportunity to refresh their faith. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Goodall Street

Thursday 8th October: Your Constant Love.

Dear Lord, we thank you that you are always there for us and that we can turn to you whenever we are in need of help. The knowledge of your constant love provides us with a real assurance in our lives. Help us to talk and pray to you, not only in the bad times, but also in the good times, when our lives are going well and we need to thank you for all the gifts that you have given us. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Newport Street

Friday, 9th. October: A prayer to discern God's vision for St Matthew's

Father God, who set the world in motion, You inspired our predecessors to build St Matthew's Church as a symbol of Christian faith on the skyline of Walsall. You guided them to teach, serve, and proclaim your kingdom of love in words and actions to the people of this town. As we seek to discern your direction for us for the next stage of the journey, may your Holy Spirit guide those in leadership at this church. Open our hearts to your call on our lives both as individuals and as the Church. Help us to see the world through your eyes and proclaim, "Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven". Through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Street

Saturday, 10th. October: Those in Temporary Accommodation

Father, we pray for those who were homeless or who were rough sleeping and have been placed in emergency accommodation in Walsall. Many have drug or drink addiction and poor mental health. We pray for your healing hands upon them and your loving arms around them and for their support workers, that they are able to continue this work with some of the most vulnerable in our community. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Lane

Sunday, 11th. October: Forgive.

Loving Father as we look at this theme of forgiveness today open our hearts to know and accept that you forgive us of all our sins and wrongdoings in thought or deed. We are called to forgive others who we feel have wronged us, help us Lord we pray. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Mountrath Street

Monday, 12th. October: Standing Committee

Father, we pray for the members of the standing committee; church wardens and member of the PCC under the direction of Rev Jim, as they look at the practical organisation of weekly events held at our church. Fill them with the energy and enthusiasm to carry out these tasks as service to you particularly at this time of interrupted church life and coronavirus fatigue can seek to drain our resourcefulness. This we ask in pray. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Place

Tuesday, 13th. October: Illness and Healing.

Loving Father, we pray for those in our church community who are in urgent need of our prayers at this time. For the sick: bring them healing;
for the injured: bring them recovery;
for the depressed: bring them hope;
for the bereaved: bring them comfort. We ask that in the depths of suffering we will find the warmth of caring love from family, friends, and neighbours and above all from you, God of consolation. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Walk

Wednesday, 14th. October: Alpha Course.

Father, as the Alpha course continues, thank you for all those who have taken this opportunity to explore the faith. We pray that through the course they move closer to you and as the weeks progress may they be bold enough to ask their outstanding questions. May those they ask respond with true Godly wisdom. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Glebe Street

Thursday, 15th. October: Care and Residential Homes.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who live in residential homes in our parish. We ask that you give support to those who are physically weak and comfort to those who find life so confusing due to declining age. We pray for the protection of both the staff and residents from the coronavirus and that the much needed testing equipment and protective clothing is in place.
Amen
Please pray for the residents of Highview, Acorns, Maryvale, Gorway House and Crossways homes.

Friday 16th October: Forgiveness

If my soul has turned to the dark; if I have left some brother or sister wounded by the way; if I have preferred my aims to yours; if I have been impatient and would not wait; if I have marred the plan drawn out for my life; if I have cost tears to those you love; if my heart has murmured against your will, forgive me Lord.

(FB Meyer)

Please pray for the residents of Hart Street

Saturday, 17th October: Walsall

Dear Lord, we pray for the businesses in our town and ask that you will protect them at this time of uncertainty. We pray that you will ensure those making decisions, whether nationally or locally, do so wisely and with compassion. We pray too that you will comfort all who are worried because of their precarious economic situation or because their jobs are at risk. May they feel your protection during this period and your support around them. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Mount Street

Sunday, 18th October: Love one another

We pray dear Lord that as individuals and as a church love will be at the very heart of all we do. May we show love in what we do and what we say, who we speak to and who we listen to, how we reach out to others and how we embrace and care for those we meet. In everything, may we reflect the love that you have for us. Amen

Please pray for the residents of White Street

Monday 19th October: The Centre

We thank you for the wonderful witness of the centre, and for the opportunities it offers to help so many in our community. May the decisions in tomorrow's Centre Management Meeting continue that good work, and ensure it continues into the future. We pray especially for Adrian as he runs it. Thank you for his tirelessness and commitment, and may he be given the energy he needs to keep it operating so smoothly. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Brace Street

Tuesday, 20th October: Annual General Meeting

We bring before you Lord tonight's AGM. As we look back over the ministry of St Matthew's in the last year or so we give thanks for faith that has been honoured, for love that has been shown, for gifts that have been given, and for wondrous things done in your name. And as we look forward, may we have a boldness and a courage to step out on your paths, secure in the belief that you are guiding us and leading us in all we do. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Corporation Street

Wednesday, 21st October: Young people at St Matthew's

Thank you dear Lord for the young people associated with St Matthew's. We are so grateful for their talents, their enthusiasm, their energy and, above all, their clear and apparent love for you. Please protect them in the face of all the pressures confronting the young today, and may they continue to show your love to those they meet. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Waterly Lane

Thursday 22nd October: Blue Coat Trustees

We give thanks for the wise, careful and godly stewardship over so many years of the Blue Coat Foundation. As the trustees meet tomorrow we ask that they too will be given a wisdom and a vision in their decision making, so that the Foundation can continue to support the growth and development of the Blue Coat schools in the years ahead. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Tasker Street

Friday, 23rd October: Half term

As pupils and staff break up for a week in this most challenging of terms, we give thanks for the care and dedication that has been shown to educating our children safely, and we ask that they will all be able to have a rest from the pressures school life now offers. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Woodcutter Close

Saturday, 24th October: Increasing Our Trust.

We read so many times in our Bibles how Jesus healed people and how their faith allowed them to have courage to ask Jesus or simply to touch his cloak as he walked by. Help us to know that you are with us always, that you are not too busy or disinterested in what is happening to us. The trails that life is

throwing at us at the moment give us the opportunity to exercise our faith.....'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid' (Mark 6 :50) Amen.
Please pray for the residents of Midland Road

Sunday, 25th October : Climate Sunday.

Father, forgive us for the way we have abused your beautiful world and help us to open our eyes and see the knock on effect as we continue to destroy vegetation, air content, seas, all for our greed. Help us to see how we as individuals can do our part in preventing this and try to restore the balance with nature. We pray that our politicians and leaders around the world will hear our plea for change and stop this continued destruction. Amen
Please pray for the residents of South Street

Monday, 26th October: Clergy & Wardens.

Father, as we continue through these worrying times we give thanks for your protection and your strength that keeps us all moving forward with hope in our hearts. We give thanks for Jim and Joe as they lead our services and all the hard work that is put into keeping us all connected. We also give thanks to our wardens and people who help to keep us safe with cleaning and organising the church when we come together in St. Matthew's. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Camben Street

Tuesday, 27th. October: Home Groups

We give thanks to all those involved with getting our home groups up and running and to all the leaders. We pray that your words and actions depicted in the Bible will help to sustain us now and throughout the foreseeable future as we navigate our way through these very troubling times. We pray that more people will have access to these sessions either through technology or meeting in small numbers. God of love, hear our prayer. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Rutter Street

Wednesday, 28th. October: St Matthew's Family.

Oh Lord, we pray for your protection over all the people who worship at St Matthew's. We give thanks for the church being opened for services and for all those who join together to worship you over the internet. We know that some people are unable to attend church at the moment and are unable to access any of the online services so we bring these brothers and sisters before you now. Please let the news sheets and prayer diaries sent out give them hope and courage and feel a sense of care and belonging between us all. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Spout Lane

Thursday, 29th. October : Residential Homes.

Oh Lord, please hear our prayer..... we bring before you all those who live in care homes. We once again find ourselves proceeding with great caution as Covid 19 continues to ravage and ask that you help everyone to listen to the scientists and take heed of what is required to keep us safe. We pray for the vulnerable and for all the families who have loved ones in homes where they are unable to visit due to spreading infections. May they feel your embrace and know they are loved. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Milton Street

Friday, 30th October: Teachers, Pupils, Schools and University.

Dear Lord as half term comes to a close we pray that all those returning to education will have been able to recharge their batteries during this week. We pray that as we continue through the winter months you will protect the staff, children and young people as they continue to study. We pray that your word will be heard by all the nations and for your Holy Spirit to convince us all to respond in humility and repentance and know that you are Lord Amen.

Please pray for the students on Walsall Campus, Wolverhampton University

Saturday, 31st. October: Thank You.

Holy Spirit come fill us afresh today. Take our prayers and join them with all those other voices praying for God's kingdom throughout the earth. Thank you that this work of prayer is the most important calling there is and nothing but death itself can prevent us from lifting our voices to God. Of Lord, we give you thanks for your protection now and always. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Junction Street