



Bulletin from St Matthew's Walsall

Sunday 10th January 2021

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

St Matthew's Church:

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

Prayer requests

Please pray for those known to you and the wider church who are struggling at this time. Please remember in your prayers Richard, Maureen Platt, James and his family. Please pray for the family and friends of Audrey Rennie, and Adina Keldo. Maureen Yardley's funeral service is being held on Friday 15th January at 10.45am at Streetly Crematorium, please do remember her family and friends in your prayers at this time.

Church Services

Our In-person services are now paused until further notice following the update regarding the national lockdown. Both the 8.45am service on Sundays and 10.00am Holy Communion on Wednesdays are on hold. Jim will have a full statement about this and some other notices - they will be sent out later this week.

Our online service will still be in full force - join us at 10am on YouTube every Sunday, and the Asian Congregation still meet via Skype at 4.00pm.

Homegroup Study

This term and/or during Lent all the homegroups will be studying the same material, based on, and inspired by, the book "Saying yes to life" by Ruth Valerio. There are 7 sessions focused on the 7 different "days" and aspects of creation, and each session includes Bible studies and environmental challenges. If you would like to join a homegroup and study the material with a group online, please contact Priscilla Trood (priscillatrood@btinternet.com 07984 626637) or Judith Ridgway (ridgway@talktalk.net 07490 488144) who will suggest the best group(s) for you to consider. Alternatively, you can study the material on your own at home by going to the resources section of the website and downloading the study <http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/creation/>. If you don't have internet access or a printer, please contact your homegroup leader for a paper copy or, if you're not in a homegroup, please contact Kirsten.

RightNow Media Recommendations

RightNow Media is an online Christian video streaming website, it has a collection of videos including Bible Studies, Kids shows, Conferences, short videos and lots of other things. It is absolutely free. Email the office to get signed up. Throughout December we will have kids' recommendations that run alongside our all age section of our 10.00am service.

Simeon and Anna RightNow Media (10th January)

- Sing Along Kids Shows / Little Worship company / Session 10 Joy (11 mins) (under 7s)

Support to Blue Coat Academy

You will be aware that a schools' Covid-19 testing programme is being implemented across secondary schools in England. In order not to compromise the current staffing at Blue Coat Academy, which is already very tight, we have been approached to see if we are able to provide any volunteers. Training will be provided. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Jim and he will pass your details on to the school.

Making Connections Walsall

Are you a Walsall resident in need of support? There are lots of groups, organisations and clubs in Walsall which can support the health and wellbeing of local people. However, people often don't know about them. Making Connections Walsall referrals are processed by the West Midlands Fire Service who will connect you to your local hub organisation to discuss services available in your area to support you. Making Connections Walsall is available to all Walsall residents. To discuss or make a referral, please contact: 0121 380 6690. You will be contacted by your local hub within three working days. [For more information, please see our website.](#)

Days off

Please note that until further notice both Rev Jim and Rev Joe will be taking Friday as their day off and their phones will be switched off. Should there be a need to contact them in an emergency, please contact one of our church wardens, Judith, Patti, Diane or Anna. Thank you. The Church Office will be open on Tuesdays 10.00am-12.30pm, and Thursdays 9.30am-2.30pm.

Morning Prayer Jim and Joe will be leading Morning Prayer via Zoom, **Monday to Thursday at 8.30am** for about 20 minutes. If you would like to join them, the Zoom details are: Meeting ID: 895 8349 9139, Password: 949576



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