

Our Vision in Action

St Matthew's exists to worship God, equip His people, grow His kingdom, and serve Walsall.

In doing this, we follow Jesus' call to love God, love others, and make disciples.

How We Work Together

Under God, three groups help bring our vision to life:

- **Leadership Team** – Discerns and guides the vision
- **Church Council** (PCC) – Provides resources and governance
- **The People of St Matthew's** – Equipped by the Holy Spirit, bring the vision to life through service and witness

Part of Something Bigger

Our vision connects with the Lichfield Diocesan Strategy 2025-2030, building on centuries of faithful witness in the diocese.

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Our Vision 2026-2030



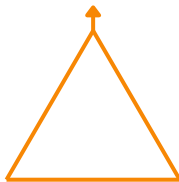
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Who we are

Worshipping God

We are a place of gathering and heritage, offering a welcoming space to encounter God.

- **Open Doors:** Opening our church buildings for longer.
- **Gathering Together:** Regular opportunities to gather outside of services.
- **Preserving Our Heritage:** Protecting our history and removing the building from the Heritage at Risk register.



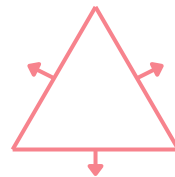
For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Welcoming and building relationships

Serving Walsall

We want to be a vibrant hub of care, hospitality, and connection.

- **A Warm Welcome:** Developing our welcome resources and hosting teams.
- **Social Events:** Creating a lively calendar of social events for all ages.
- **Youth Outreach:** Engaging youth and upper junior school children.



Jesus says, "Love your neighbour as yourself". (Mark 12:31)

Nurturing discipleship and developing leadership

Equipping His People

We want to nurture faith, support growth, and develop leaders.

- **Discovering Gifts:** Helping people identify spiritual gifts and volunteering.
- **Courses & Support:** Encouraging "next steps" in faith and discipleship courses.
- **Youth Focus:** Mentoring for youth and developing youth work.



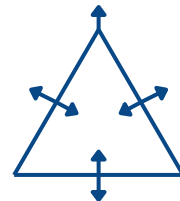
Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Connecting

Growing His Kingdom

We are stepping beyond our walls to connect with people outside the Church.

- **Local Partnerships:** Links with civic authorities, clubs, and educational institutions.
- **Outward Focused:** Taking events outside the building, including visiting care homes.
- **Resources for Everyone:** Creating resources in other languages.



Jesus says, "go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you". (Matthew 28:19-20)