

# St matthews church

## *Prayer Diary*



**May 2021**



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

**“When your steps are guided by the Lord and you delight in his way, though you stumble, you shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds you fast by the hand.”**

**Psalm 37: 23-24**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Children & Carers Service – Jesus and me**

Dear Lord, we ask you to be with all the leaders of this new service today. Let it all run smoothly and be a great success. We have not been able to have a special service for our children for such a long time so we pray that it is well attended and that all will leave church with much love in their hearts knowing that they have not been alone once during this difficult pandemic as Jesus has been watching over them constantly. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Sandwell Street

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Our Church**

Dear Father, we thank you for all the people who work and help in the running of St. Matthew’s Church. There are so many jobs to be done behind the scenes especially now that we are able to open up more of our activities as the Covid regulations are lifted. We pray for all those who work so tirelessly in your name to make sure that all runs smoothly. Please give them your strength and stamina and we thank you for their commitment and dedication to St Matthew’s. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of West Bromwich Street

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: For Peace in our Hearts**

Almighty God, we bless you for our lives, we give you praise for all your abundant mercy and grace that we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you. Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul, and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives and to give us the courage to live for you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Green

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April: All those taking part in Courses & Conferences today.**

Dear Father, today we pray for Jim as he attends an online course on ‘Nurturing new Leaders’. We thank you for the inspiration and guidance that Jim has already brought to St Matthew’s in the time that he has been here and ask that you will provide him with renewed vigour and all the energy he

needs as he strives to make our Church a focal point in our town. We also hold up to you all our other church leaders who are taking part in another online leadership Conference this evening. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Road

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Joint Christian Union Meetings Start**

Holy Father we thank you so much for the incredibly important work that the world's scientists have done in creating all the vaccines against Covid 19. We thank you for their dedication for, without their efforts, we would not be able to start meeting up again. It is so important for our young people to be able to meet together in harmony and fellowship and to praise your name. We pray that all who attend will leave with much reassurance in their hearts that life is getting back to normal. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Grove Terrace

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Love Walsall Breakfast, Election Day & Youth and Children's Workers Hub**

Dear Lord, what an important day it is today for so many people. Please guide all those who are involved in these local elections so that they act honourably and honestly in all that they have to do. There are many countries in the world that do not have a democratic government so help us to appreciate how fortunate we are and not to take our power to influence decisions for granted. We also pray for the Love Walsall Breakfast meeting and the Youth and Children's workers meeting which are happening today as well. Amen

Please pray for the residents of New Street

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May: All our hope in God is founded.**

Dear Lord, help us to realise that all that we receive comes from you. In you alone is our hope. Give us the courage to put all our faith in you and you will give us the strength and peace to deal with whatever life gives us to deal with. You know what each of us needs and we pray that those who are seeking your help will receive the reassurance that comes with knowing how much you care for each one of us. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hill Street

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Just Saying Thank You**

Heavenly Father, there's nothing left for me to say but 'thank you', Lord. You carried me when there was no one and you continually show Your goodness and mercy to me, regardless of my sins and unfaithfulness. You are the only One true God. Thank You so much for today. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Town Hill

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>. May: Love Black Country Together Service.**

Father, what joy it is to worship you with fellow Christians across the Black Country region. As we come Together in prayer, song and messages may we feel the power of your presence in our homes as we connect through internet. We ask that you give the leaders and organisers of this service the authority to speak in your name. Amen

Please pray for the residents of St Matthew's Close

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>. May: Leadership and Vision.**

Our Father, we give thanks that you provide leaders to encourage others to take up the call to minister in your name. Be with Rev. Jim as he uses this skill of leadership and vision to provide teaching on a Diocesan course today then this evening as he works with the Leadership Team to plan the direction for St Matthew's church. May your will be done. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Upper Rushall Street

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>. May: Deanery Synod.**

Dear Lord, we pray today for all those attending this meeting especially the representatives from St Matthew's, Revds. Jim and Joe, Phil, Sue and Jimm. Please bless them and all those who attend and give them a clear vision of all you wish them to achieve in your name. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Dudley Street

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>. May: Blue Coat Primary Federation Governors.**

Father, thank you for the dedication and commitment of all those who are in positions of leadership at the Federation, whether they be staff or governor. In tonight's meeting and indeed in the various other key meetings that are held, may they be able to keep their focus on the well being of the children and the delivery of top-class education in a truly Christian context. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Birmingham Road

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>. May: Personnel Committee.**

Father, may your presence and guidance be felt by those on this personal committee as they make decisions that may affect those who are employed by the church. As the spread of the coronavirus slows and St Matthew's church and Centre plan to open up for services and community use may the best decisions be made on how to do this safely and effectively. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Jesson Close

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>. May: Climate Prayer.**

God, sustainer of all, you give life to everything and create systems that enable life to continue and to flourish. Help us to live in a way that doesn't disrupt that balance but helps it to grow as we grow into your likeness. As a church family may we be aware of "green issues" in our everyday lives so as not to waste precious resources such as energy in heating and lighting. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Freer Street

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>. May: JAM. (Jesus and Me)**

Father, pour your blessings on this service today. May the excitement and enthusiasm of the children coming into church after so many months away, be captured in their learning about you. We give thanks for those who have planned the activities, may they be encouraging for adults and children alike.

Amen

Please pray for the residents of Small Street

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Our services**

Please bless today's services. Though we may be separated as a fellowship may we all be united in our love for you and a desire for your glory to be spread throughout the town where we are and the world where we live. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Cambridge Street

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May: Alms House Trustees**

Thank you Lord for all the people who have called the alms houses their home over the years. We pray for those who live there at the moment and ask that you will give them with peace and safety. We also pray for the trustees as they met today. Please may they have wisdom in the decisions they make and compassion in their actions. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Clews Close

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May: Staff Team Meeting**

Please be with all those who are part of St Matthew's staff. We are so grateful for their commitment and dedication. We ask that you grant them energy and faith for their work, and as they gather may they see again that you are the focus of all they do. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bescot Street

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Compiling the services**

Lord, we pray for all involved in assembling our on-line services. They have been such a blessing to us all over the year and we are deeply grateful for the way each person has given of their time and skills to allow others to worship. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Earl Street

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May: Blue Coat Academy Governor meeting**

After such a hard year we bring before you all who are involved in the running of the academy, and give thanks for all they have done. Today we pray for the Governors as they met. May they see the steps ahead that you want the school to follow, and may they have the boldness and faith to follow that vision. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Wednesbury Road

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May: Christ in Walsall**

Across our town we are blessed with so many churches, each one spreading the good news of your love and goodness to their communities. We pray that you will direct the mission and outreach of each one, and we ask that you give their leaders wisdom and faith so that they will be able to take up the tasks and roles that you want them to follow. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little Newport Street

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Environment**

Father, you have taught us that all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth, treading lightly upon it and cherishing its resources; so that our children may enjoy its riches, so that all may have equal opportunities, and so that your name may be glorified through all that you have made. Amen. *(Rt Rev David Walker, Bishop of Manchester)*

Please pray for the residents of Sister Dora Gardens

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Our services**

Dear Lord, we pray for all those who didn't come to St Matthew's before the pandemic but have started watching our services on line over the last year. We are so pleased we have been able to reach out in this way, and ask that you show us how we can continue to involve them in our fellowship in the months and years ahead. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little Caldmore

**Monday, 24th May: A.P.C.M**

We pray for our church and all that has been endured since our last AGM. Thank you for everyone who has kept St Matthew's running throughout the pandemic with the many varied skills. As we proceed in this new year we ask for your guidance in all our thoughts and decisions, may they be in tune with what you want for St Matthew's and may we all have time to 'pause' and listen for your voice. We pray that the proposed opening of St Matthew's over the next months will go to plan and we will soon be able to share worshipping you once again all together. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Hayden Sander Square

**Tuesday, 25th May: Town Ministries A.G.M**

Lord, we give thanks to all those who have kept people connected with online services. We pray for all those involved with running these ministries and pray that your Holy Spirit will be present at this meeting enabling thoughts and seeds of improvement in all areas of ministry to grow. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Buckle Close

**Wednesday, 26th May: JCU.**

Dear Father, we give thanks for all those involved in the planning and running of this group. As we are now allowed to start meeting with others we pray that the fun that is experienced every Wednesday will encourage others to come along and enjoy the friendship and fellowship. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bridge Street

**Thursday, 27th May: Here I am Lord.**

Father, we give you thanks as we start to move forward, socialising more with friends and family and doing things we used to do before the pandemic.

Thank you that you know us and that you can accomplish your purposes even though we are flawed, sinful and desperately in need of you. Please use us where we are and in whatever situations we face. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Ablewell Street

**Friday, 28th May: Temptations.**

Lord Jesus Christ, give us the strength to stand up to the temptations which could damage our lives. Help us to hear your wise voice and to follow in your footsteps. Help us to have patience whilst seeking your will and the ability to trust completely in you. We worship you because you are the source of light. Please shine your light on our lives today. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Springhill Road

**Saturday, 29th May: Children & Carers Service.... JAM.**

We give thanks for this service and pray that more children will come and learn about you whilst enjoying the crafts and all that is involved. We ask for your Holy Spirit to guide all those attending and help them to embrace your perfect love. Help us all to listen attentively to your voice and be ready to respond in faith and obedience. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Ridgewood Close

**Sunday, 30th May: Church Centre.**

We bring before you Father, St Matthew's church centre and staff. We pray for your love and protection as Adrian and Kirsten continue to work through the aftermath of the pandemic. We also pray that enquiries to hire the centre will be forth coming as more groups and activities re start and Kirsten and Adrian are able to return to the centre full time. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Draymans Close

**Monday, 31st May: Give Your Worries To God.**

Dear Lord, we know that worry changes nothing except us, it doesn't solve anything just creates more tension and anguish. We know that you have a plan for each one of our lives so help us to know all we need to do is to trust you. You know what you have in store for each and every one of us, so when we trust in you, Your peace will guard our hearts and minds. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Highgate Close