



Current Services

Sunday

8.45am Holy Communion (church)

10.45am Morning Praise
(church and online - YouTube)

4.00pm Asian Congregation
(online - Skype)

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (church)

Verse for the year:

“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

Bulletin from St Matthew's Walsall

Sunday 11th July 2021

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Church News

Prayer requests Please pray for those known to you and the wider church who are struggling at this time. Please also remember in your prayers Marian Masters; Margaret Rawe; Audrey Coopers grandson, Sam; Colin Townsend; Judith Craddock; Dominic Perks; Rob Bradburn; Marian Masters.

The 10:45am service has restarted! The service will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel. Join us as we gather together to worship, pray, and learn from God. Creche, children's church, youth church, prayer ministry and communion will be available at selected services. However, we will not be able to serve refreshments yet. To comply with current government restrictions, you need to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and socially distance is still in place - therefore, booking is essential to ensure we have enough space. Please book a ticket for everyone in your group (including children), and book early to avoid disappointment! Tickets for later services will become available week by week. "Book Tickets" www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/services

Notices and Service sheets As we restart services, we will be phasing out of posting out service sheets and bulletins, and will only have a small number of printed copies in church. Please let the office know asap if you still wish to receive an envelope, and printed copy.

Youth report Young people from St Matthews, along with Ben and Gabi, form a big part of the Walsall schools' Joint Christian Union (JCU). JCU has been holding on with regular meetings every Wednesday during term time. This has been taking place in person since Easter. Not only have we been doing our regular meetings, but we also had a pizza party to celebrate youths leaving school. We have also had a BBQ in the sun as we have been having

wonderful weather recently and some fun activities in the arboretum. In the future, we will be taking the young people on a residential trip to Beaudesert in September and fill the summer holidays with many fun activities like water fights and competitions. Although this may all seem like just fun and games, we take this time to also teach them more about who God is to help them form a closer connection with him. For information on how to participate in JCU as a young person or how to involve your children in this youth group, please contact Ben Butterfield, our Youth worker for St Matthews church, via his email youth@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk. We look forward to meeting you!

Children's Church The children will start off in church and then go over to the Church Centre for their groups, as we used to, before being brought back to church at the end of the service by the Children's Church leaders and helpers. There will be Children's Church on **11th July** and **18th July**. During the school summer holidays, Children's Church will not be meeting but there will be activity sheets provided in church for children to use during the sermon, similar to the ones we have been posting on the church website each week. From September the normal pattern will resume of All Age Services on the 1st and 5th Sundays and Children's Church on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

Annual Mission Giving Meeting Wednesday 21st July 7.30pm Please join us - in Church - as we determine how best to distribute our available funds from our 2020 income. If you have any suggestions for suitable charities, let Rev Jim or me know, or bring them to the meeting. We need to choose 3 overseas charities, and 4 local charities. Joan Nock, jbn crescent@hotmail.co.uk

Place of Welcome (Tuesdays) One of the most important ministries we have to the people of Walsall is making our church a place of welcome. As part of this, Place of Welcome has re-opened. However, we could do with a few more volunteers to join the team and to help. It involves being friendly to people who want to come into the church either to visit, look around, pray, chat, or just have some refreshments. The commitment is 3 hours a month on a Tuesday during the day. If you think you might be able to help with this, please contact Kirsten in the church office or Sara Hartshorne.

July & August Prayer Diary This is available online at <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk> or contact the office for a print copy.

Safer St Matthew's Crowdfund the fund stands at £830 + £177.50 Gift Aid. Wow, well done and thanks! About half of this money has come from Sunday congregations and half from outside the worshipping church community. If you would like to join the campaign, you can get in touch with John or use social media links. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/safer-st-matthews>

Beware – Emails & Texts Please continue to beware of emails or texts you may receive, claiming to be from someone within the church, they may not be legit. How can you protect yourself?

- The risk to yourself as an individual is very low provided that you are vigilant when responding to emails or texts. Here are some tips to when looking out for suspicious emails or texts:
 - Check the sender's email address looks correct.
 - Check our websites contact page for the correct phone numbers.
 - Notice the tone and language used in the email and text - if it doesn't sound like the person you think it is, it probably isn't!
 - Be wary of any request asking you to donate or spend money.
 - Double check any links in the email before clicking them (hover over the link and check where it is actually going to send you)

Who is our data protection officer?

- Our data protection officer is Rev. Jim Trood. If you have any questions about this incident, or anything to do with data protection, please contact him.

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.



4 July

- Shorts / King of Glory / Part 11: The King's Dominion / Session 1 Dominion over Demons & Disease (3 mins)
- Ages 8-10 / Friends and Heroes: Series 1 – Alexandria (25 mins)
- (For younger children) Shorts / 5-minute Family Devotional – Jesus: Messiah, Teacher King / Session 9 Jesus Heals

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- Shorts / Little Bible Heroes / S4ession 15 Jesus' Miracles
- Popular Kids Shows / Ryan defrates: Secret Agent / Session 2 / Mega-moo Grumpy Ducks (28 mins)
- (For younger children) Live Action Classics / Mr Henry's Wild & Wacky World : Session 11 All about miracles (35 mins)

Morning Prayer If you want to join Jim and Joe for Morning Prayer:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 8.30am on Zoom (Meeting ID: 895 8349 9139, Password: 949576)
- Wednesday at 8.00am joint with Blue coat Academy staff (details on request from Jim)



Wider Church News

Through a glass dimly After the disappointment of having to cancel in 2020, the Lichfield Diocesan Renewal Group are delighted to announce plans for a 'live' event this autumn. Open to clergy and those in lay leadership, it will be at Trentham Parish Church. The keynote speaker, Richard Moy, is no stranger to the diocese and will offer a practical guide to walking in step with the Spirit and discerning the voice of God – addressing the question

of whether it is possible to grow in accuracy, depth, and insight in prophetic ministry. Doors open at 10am on **Thursday 16 September** for those who would like some quiet reflection before the first session at 2pm. The event closes at 1pm on **Friday 17th**. It costs £35 including dinner on Thursday evening and a complimentary breakfast and light lunch on Friday (no overnight accommodation available). Places are restricted on a 'first come, first served' basis. For more information contact Carol Law (claw@eclipse.co.uk)

Love Black Country Noticeboard with events and job vacancies often. You can view it at: <https://loveblackcountry.org.uk/category/noticeboard/>

Transforming Communities Together You can find the latest information from the Diocese's Transforming Communities Together at: <https://tctogether.org.uk/whats-new>



Dementia Introduction: Dementia-Friends & Dementia-Friendly Churches

An introductory session, with a "Dementia Friends Information Session" + overview of Diocese of Lichfield Dementia-Friendly Churches network

- Do you want to understand more about dementia?
- Do you want to embark on becoming a more dementia-friendly church at the heart of a dementia-friendly community?
- Are you keen to know more about our dementia-friendly churches network in the Diocese of Lichfield?

If so, this is the session for you! For more information, contact [Sarah Thorpe](mailto:sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org), sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler, Diocese of Lichfield

Perspectives on the Church The video resource 'Perspectives on the Church' is via the Shaping for Mission page on the diocesan website <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/shaping-for-mission/>

Over the last two weeks we have shared many conversations with each conversation focuses on the questions: what do you think are the biggest challenges the church faces at the moment? what opportunities does that give us? What resources do we have to respond to the challenges? And what gives you hope for the church. There will be at least 6 more videos in the series so do check back on the website or Facebook page to see more.

Anxiety training for youth & children's workers With as many as 1 in 3 young people suffering with anxiety and wellbeing at an all-time low, now is the time to act. Love Black Country Next Gen are excited to be partnering with Reality Youth Trust again to offer youth and children's workers the chance to become licensed anxiety trainers for older children and young people. On **Tuesday 21st and 29th September**, LBC Next Gen will be hosting two training sessions on Zoom, delivered by Reality Trust Youth Project, to train and licence youth workers to go into schools and deliver the Tranquility Anxiety Course, a new 6 week course to help older children and young people find solutions to deal with their anxiety. It is

designed to be run in secondary schools but can also be delivered in a variety of settings including churches and community groups. The training and licence will cost £75.

You can book your place by emailing deb@loveblackcountry.org.uk

Chester Road Baptist Church – Recruiting a Café Manager

Job Title: Café Manager Location: Chester Road Baptist Church, Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B73 5HU Accountable to: Church Manager Direct reports: Café Apprentice(s) Café volunteers Working Hours: 1.0 FTE (37.5 hours per week/ 1,950 hours per year, Tue-Sat. The Job Holder will be expected to work flexibly within the opening hours of the Cafe, including weekends and bank holidays. Salary: Band 4: £20,781 - £23,163 FTE + contributory defined contribution pension. More information at

https://www.chesterroadbaptist.org.uk/Groups/326974/Our_Vacancies.aspx

Walsall News

Empowering Women Workshops July The team at Walsall for All are gearing up for their July workshops which are FREE for unemployed Women of a working age living in Walsall. Childcare and transport costs are also covered. Get in touch with Bindy for more details on: P: 07788360148 Email: walsall.communityconnectors@dwp.gov.uk

Mental health and suicide awareness training from Walsall Council If you live or work in Walsall, why not book onto one of our free community events. This is a 4 hour online virtual course and is being hosted by qualified mental health instructors from Walsall Council's Learning and Development Team. Click on the link to book and for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-and-suicide-awareness-training-tickets-147135372861>

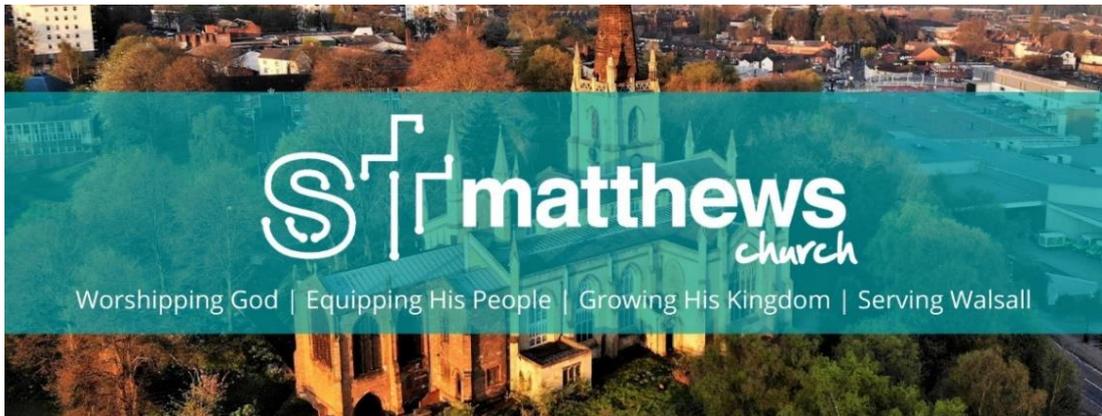
Ablewell Advice Foodbank Current shortages include – tinned fruit, jam, noodles, bars of soap, shampoo, and deodorants. Donations can be dropped off at the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays or at Walsall Town Centre Co-Op. Thank you for your continued support.

Walsall Works Jobs & Apprenticeship Bulletin Please find the latest Walsall Works Bulletin online at www.walsallworks.com outlining some of the latest opportunities available.

Walsall Summer Holiday Activity Programme We have started planning for the Summer Holiday Activity Programme (HAF), If your family is aged 5–16 and is eligible for free school meals, you can sign up to get communication about Summer via our HAF Webpage - <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/forms/HAF-Sign-up-for-summer-news> Have a look at our Holiday Activities and Food Programme evaluation report from Easter delivery on [our webpage](#) Website: https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup

Other News

Look Closer- Child exploitation campaign- Children's society The National Police Chiefs Council and The Children's Society in asking the public to #LookCloser Exploitation can happen anywhere, to any child. Learn how to look beyond the obvious and spot the signs: bit.ly/3iVNxLI Along with our partners we regularly raise awareness of Child Exploitation including County Lines. We would like to share some material with you which has been produced by the Children's Society as part of their #LookCloser campaign.



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