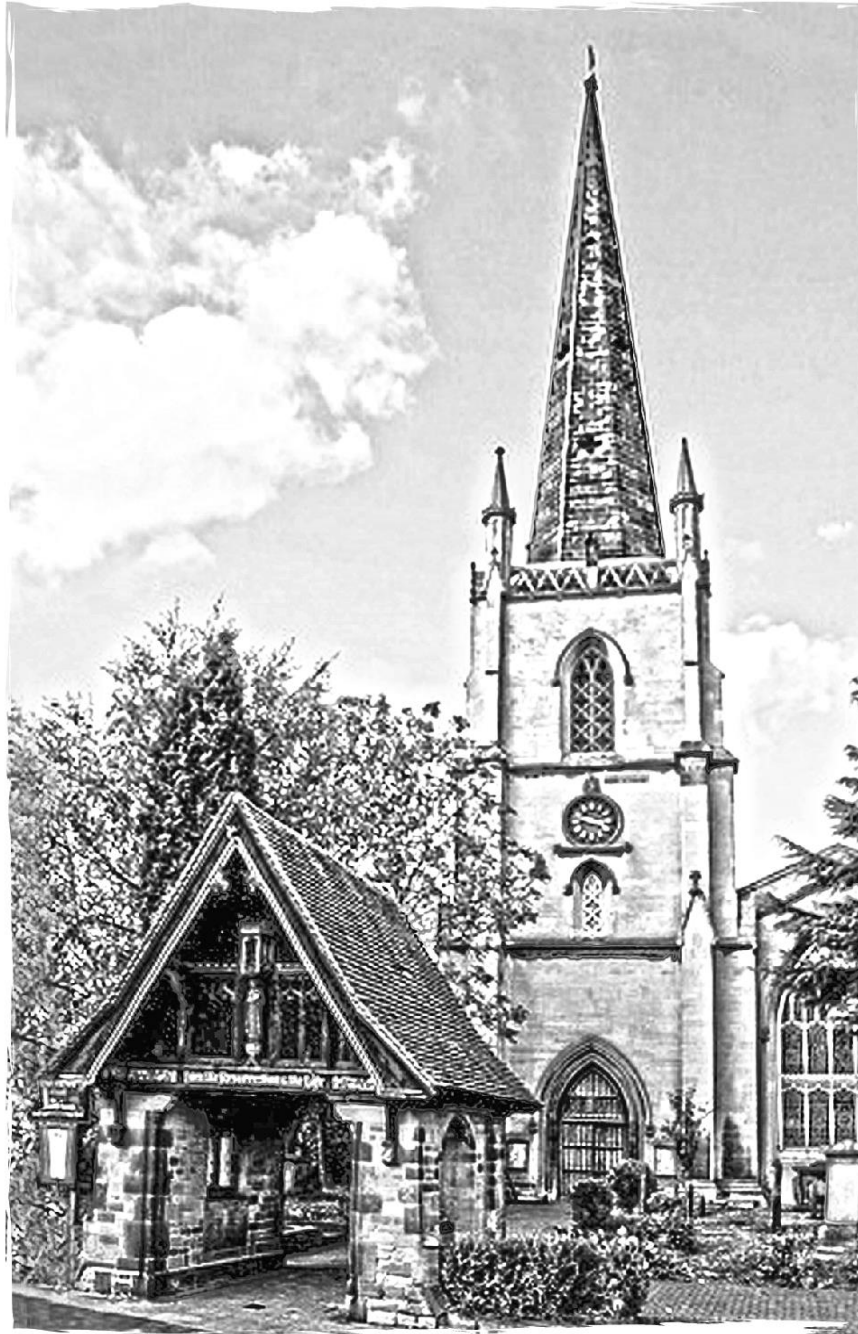


St matthews church

Prayer Diary



November 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

Monday, 1st. November: Staff, Heritage, Standing Committee and Blue Coat Christian Union Meetings. Draymans Close

Dear Father, on this busy day in our church, we thank you that we have so many people who are prepared to give up their time to be involved in all these projects that, hopefully, with your help, will make a difference to the people living in our town. Amen.

Tuesday, 2nd. November: Growing your Kingdom. Highgate Close

Gracious God, fill our hearts with love to worship you creatively, equip us to make disciples, inspire us to share hope and anoint us to transform our communities. Amen

Wednesday, 3rd. November: Alpha Course. COP26. Highgate Drive

Dear Lord, we all have so much to learn about prayer and ask that you help all those attending the Alpha Course to become aware of its power and to the joy of talking with you and seeking your will. Father, as political World Leaders and their representatives continue to talk at this crucial **COP 26** meeting may they listen too to your voice. Please help us all to pray more often and to ask you to guide us in our daily lives. Amen.

Thursday, 4th. November: Personnel, CofE Selectors Training Event, Town Centre Ministries Meetings. Deanery of St Pauls @ the crossing.

Dear Lord, we pray today for all those attending these meetings, give them a clear vision of all you wish them to achieve in your name. Guide them all in any decisions they have to make so that our churches can move forward in the direction you wish them to follow. Amen

**Friday, 5th. November: Church of England Selectors Training Event.
Canute Close**

Lord Jesus, we pray for all those involved in this meeting. We ask that you will be with them all. Guide them and help them to understand what they need to do at this training event. May they experience the joy of having you in their lives and grow in love for you. Amen

Saturday, 6th. November: JAM Service. Little Gorway

Gentle Jesus, as our special service for families continues, we pray that the service will be well attended and that all who are there will have fun together as they praise and glorify your name. We are all your children and know you love us and care for us. Amen.

Sunday, 7th. November: Our 6.30 Evening Service. Lincoln Road

Dear Lord, we pray especially for this service today. Help all who attend to know that you are always with them and to let them feel your love and support in their lives, everyday, and not just on Sundays. Give them calmness within so that all tension will go away. May they come to you with openness and without fear or reproach. As we have so freely received from you, help us to give freely of ourselves. Amen

**Monday, 8th. November: Finance and Leadership Team Meetings.
Parklands Gardens**

Dear Lord, we thank you for all those who are involved in the running of our church and who will be attending these meetings today. Help us not to take the smooth running of our church for granted and to be grateful for all those who give up their time to keep it that way. We thank you for their commitment and dedication to our church. Amen

Tuesday, 9th. November: Deanery Synod. Christ Church Grove

Father, we pray for Ben as he presents to synod a 'Deanery Shaping for Mission' event that may inform how Walsall-wide youthwork is shaped in future. May minds and hearts be open to your will shared through Ben's work and words. Amen

**Wednesday, 10th. November: Funerals of Beryl Holland, Danny Slater
Stablewood Grove**

Dear Father, we give thanks for the lives of Beryl and Danny and their part in St Mathew's community. Bring comfort to the family and friends at Beryl's funeral today and Danny's tomorrow. Amen

Thursday, 11th. November: Remembrance Day. Deanery of St Peter's.

As the country pauses at 11am today to remember those killed and injured during global wars Father, we pray for peace. As we see the film footage of past and present conflicts, we pray for peace. May today bring a strong need between those at the **COP26** to work together for climate peace. Amen

Friday, 12th. November: COP26. Beaconsfield Court

Lord of heaven and earth, as this crucial meeting comes to an end we pray that these political World Leaders will have made agreements how climate overheating and pollution can be significantly reduced. May these agreements be binding and implemented as they return to their own countries. We pray this not for ourselves but the next generations, for our children and grandchildren. Amen

Saturday, 13th. November: Alpha Away Day. Loriners Grove

Dear Lord, we thank you for everyone who has attended the Alpha course and we thank you for the honesty and openness they have shown. We pray especially that you are with all who are going on the Away-day today. May it be a special day for them, when their relationship with you can grow deeper still. Amen

Sunday, 14th. November: Remembrance Sunday.

Students on Walsall Campus, Wolverhampton University.

At this time, in churches and communities across the world we remember those who gave up their lives to keep us safe, those who were injured in the line of duty; the loved ones of the dead and maimed over the years, including today. We offer our thanks to them Father, and ask it through the one who sacrificed all for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen

Monday, 15th. November: PCC. Polices Working Group

Your road and neighbours.

Father, as St Matthew's church works towards bringing worship into a relevant modern setting we give thanks for those writing policies that safeguard the integrity of worship, finances and all who give time either paid or unpaid to the running of our church. May the PCC, meeting this evening, feel your Holy Spirit guiding and supporting these policies and all decisions discussed and agreed upon. Amen

Tuesday, 16th. November: Alpha. George Street

Dear Lord, please be with all who are coming to Alpha to find out more about the Christian faith. We give thanks for their boldness and pray that you may touch them through the talks and the conversations so that their faith deepens and they come to a realisation that they need you in their lives. Amen

Wednesday, 17th. November: Emerge. Goodall Street

We pray dear Lord, for the young adults who have attended this course on leadership. We thank you for their skills and commitment, and ask that, on this their last session, they are given a clear vision as to where they are to work. Amen

Thursday, 18th. November: BCA Governor meeting. Hospital Chaplaincy

Please bless the Governors as they meet together. May their discussions and thoughts be grounded on the well-being of the children and the Christian ethos of the academy and may they glorify you in the decisions they make. Amen

Friday, 19th. November: Signs For Worship. Newport Street

It is a great blessing to have the skills of the Signs For Worship team in our services. We pray that their presence allows us to involve those who benefit from sign-language, so that their faith may grow. And we ask too Lord that you show us how, as a church, we can reach out to other groups of people who, for whatever reason, may feel marginalised by our services. Please help us to be flexible and sensitive so that none will be excluded but all may be touched by your glory through the work of our fellowship. Amen

Saturday, 20th. November: Walsall Bereavement. Bradford Street

We bring before you the work of one of the charities we are supporting this year, Walsall Bereavement. As they work amongst bereaved adults and children, we pray that their staff will have the skills and compassion to bring support and love to the broken hearted. Amen

Sunday, 21st. November: Our fellowship. Bradford Lane

O Lord we give thanks for our fellowship – for those who are old and those who are young, for those who are long-standing believers and those who are just at the beginning of their faith, for those who attend church and those who cannot for whatever reason. We give thanks for our members no matter what their income, no matter what their health, no matter what their background. As we meet today, may all our differences fade away as we worship you together as one family. Amen

Monday, 22nd. November: Those who look after the church.

Mountrath Street

We have a beautiful building that is only so because so many give up so much time looking after it. Thank you for the dedication and skills of those who maintain the fabric and clean the insides and may we never take their efforts for granted. Amen

Tuesday, 23rd. November: Open church. Vicarage Place

We thank you Lord for all whose work means that our church can be open for anyone to come in. May those who enter find some peace and reflection here, and may those who serve be blessed with tact and compassion in welcoming them and talking to them. Amen

**Wednesday, 24th. November: Curriculum Committee/Alpha.
Vicarage Walk**

We pray for your Holy Spirit to be present at both of these meetings today. We ask for your wisdom in all decisions and your presence to be felt amongst those exploring the Christian faith on the Alpha course. We give thanks for our Rector Jim for his dedication in everything he does and ask for your guidance and protection as he manages so many things. Amen

Thursday, 25th. November: Focus And Fruitfulness.

Deanery of Blakenall Heath and Beechdale.

When we read our Bibles we see that it is full of imperfect people facing difficult situations, yet God you had a plan and a purpose for each one of them. Help us to see beyond the imperfections and frustrations, so that we can focus on the fruit You are producing in our lives. Amen

Friday, 26th. November: Big Youth. Glebe Street

Father, we bring before you this event where all the youth from churches across Walsall come together to enjoy fun and many activities but also to embrace the gospel and have the opportunity to discuss any questions they have as they continue to explore their Christian faith. Amen

Saturday, 27th. November: Flower Ladies / Holy Dusters. Hart Street

Oh Lord hear our prayer. We pray for all the people who diligently do jobs behind the scenes at St Matthew's. We give thanks to all those gifted in flower arranging and for those who clean our Church ready for our services, for their time and their dedication in serving you. Amen

Sunday, 28th. November: Evening Service. Mount Street

We give thanks for those who had the vision to move this service into our church centre and pray that more people will want to reach out to you and come and explore the gospel message. We ask that any of the initial issues with this service will not re occur and we can focus on praising you. Amen

**Monday, 29th. November: C of E Project Meeting/Restore Your Church.
White Street**

Father we know that no power in the sky or above or in the earth below, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of You. We pray for the project meeting to be one of enlightenment and encouragement as we long to draw more people to know you. We ask for your guidance as we encourage people to come and worship with us at St Matthew's. May we all be beacons of love shining for you in our everyday lives. Amen

Tuesday, 30th. November: When We Don't Understand. Brace Street

We ask for patience as we strive to understand situations around us, and the knowledge that You have everything in hand. Help us to remember that even when things are bad You are still good. A giver not a taker, a blessing not a curser and no matter what happens or doesn't it is all for our good. Amen