



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 14th and 21st November 2021

Church News

What’s on the next two weeks...

Sun 14th	8.45am	- Holy Communion (Church)
	10.00am	- Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise (Church)
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 15th	7.30pm	- PCC (Church)
Tues 16th	8.40am	- Blue Coat Academy Key Stage Assembly (Church)
	10.00am-4.00pm	- Places of Welcome (Church)
Wed 17th	9.30am-11.30am	- Toddlers (Centre)
	10.00am	- Mid-week Communion (Prayer Chapel in Church)
	4.00pm	- Joint Christian Union (Crescent Baptist Church)
	7.30pm	- Alpha (Centre)
	7.30pm	- Bellringing Practice
Thurs 18th	2.00pm-4.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Blue Coat Academy Prize Giving (Church)
Fri 19th	8.40am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
	9.30am	- Church Open, Cleaning and Flower Arrangers (Church)
	7.30pm	- Signs for Worship Walsall (Church)
Sun 21st	8.45am	- Holy Communion (Church)
	10.00am	- Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise with Holy Communion (Church)
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Tues 23rd	8.40am	- Blue Coat Academy Key Stage Assembly (Church)
	10.00am-4.00pm	- Places of Welcome (Church)
Wed 24th	9.30am-11.30am	- Toddlers (Centre)
	10.00am	- Mid-week Communion (Prayer Chapel in Church)
	4.00pm	- Joint Christian Union (Crescent Baptist Church)
	7.30pm	- Alpha (Centre)
	7.30pm	- Bellringing Practice
Thurs 25th	2.00pm-4.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
Fri 26th	8.40am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
	9.30am	- Church Open, Cleaning and Flower Arrangers (Church)
	7.00pm	- Big Youth (Legacy Church Walsall)
	7.30pm	- Signs for Worship Walsall (Church)

OFFICE CLOSURE The Office will be closed from Monday 15th November and will reopen on Monday 6th December. In case of an emergency please contact Rev Jim, Rev Joe or the wardens.

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 Sue Webster, Henry Styche, Maddie, Christine Jones, Daniel Townsend, Liz Blewitt, Marian Masters, and Rob Bradburn.

Service patterns for the remainder of 2021 Due to rising Coronavirus numbers, we have decided that we should keep the same pattern of services till the end of December. These are: Sunday

- 8.45am (alternating BCP and Common Worship communion services)
- 10.45am (Morning Praise)
- 1.00pm (Asian Congregation in the Church Centre)
- 6.30pm (Evening Service in the Church Centre)

Wednesday

- 10.00am (alternating Common Worship and BCP communion services)

Details about the special Advent and Christmas services will be published soon but broadly speaking follows a similar pattern to previous pre-pandemic years.

Coronavirus Precautions Mask wearing is now optional and for the individual decision of those who attend our services. Other precautions still in place include: Respecting others space (social distancing), hand sanitiser stations, keeping a list of attenders so we can notify people in the event of a positive case, and Communion in one kind only. We would also like to remind people if you have symptoms of Coronavirus or test positive you should not attend church. Regular self-testing using lateral flow tests is also recommended.

Christmas Card deliveries to the parish Once again we are hoping to deliver a Christmas card from St. Matthew's to every house in our parish, delivering a message of hope and an invitation to attend our Christmas services this December. But we need your help! Please could you spare an hour or two to deliver some of the cards to a few streets? If so, please click the link to sign up and choose which streets you would like to deliver to: <https://stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/christmas-card-deliveries>

November Prayer Diary This is available on our website at <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/November-Prayer-diary-2021-1.pdf> or contact the office for a print copy.

Daily Prayer Emails We have set up an email option for receiving the daily prayer diary prayers. You can sign up at: <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/signup> or contact the office.

Morning Prayer If you want to join with Rev Jim, Rev Joe and others for Morning Prayer it takes place on Zoom from Monday to Thursday at 8.30am (Meeting ID: 895 8349 9139, Password: 949576). It usually lasts about 15 to 20 minutes.

A blue square logo with the words "Daily Prayer" in white, sans-serif font. "Daily" is on the top line and "Prayer" is on the bottom line.

Craft Sale On Sunday 2nd November, in Church at both morning services. I will be having a sale of craft items, mostly Christmas themed – cash and contactless, so please bring your purses with you. Thank you, Joan Nock.

Wider Church News

Bold'zBrass in Concert Popular local brass group plays live at St. Martin's Church Walsall, on **Saturday 20th November, 7pm**. Tickets (£6 Adults, £1 Children) available now from Sue Davidson - phone 01922 639589 or email davidsonsc@btinternet.com Come along to our evening of joyful live music! This small brass group based in Aldridge performs a range of traditional, classical, and popular music, with show tunes thrown in too. St Martin's church offers you a warm welcome to our concert. The evening will also feature a raffle and refreshments will be available. St. Martin's Church, 1 Daffodil Road, Walsall, WS5 3DQ

Doorstep Carols Doorstep Carols returns on Wednesday 15 December, 6-7pm, inviting people to tune into local radio and sing in their streets and raise money for charities. Last year over 100,000 people joined in. What started as a community event in Shrewsbury grew when over 30 local BBC radio stations streamed carol music to communities around the country. This year's supercharged event means that no one need be isolated this Christmas. This event will use music to unite people who are separated from their loved ones with organisations including Great Ormand Street and Birmingham Children's Hospitals planning events. It is easy to join in - all BBC local radio stations in the diocese and BBC Sounds will play the backing tracks to the nation's favourite carols and Christmas songs on 15 December. Simply download the free song sheets sing along!

New Wine Events New Wine Local Network Teaching Morning: 'Living out Jesus' Kingdom - Glory in the Mire' with Mark Aldridge - Assistant Leader of NW. **Saturday 4th December, starts at 9.30am**, held at St Philip's Bradmore, Wolverhampton, WV3 7EN. New Wine Local Network Celebration Evening with Mark Aldridge - Assistant Leader of NW. **Saturday 4th December, starts at 7.00pm** at St Martin's Bilston, Slater Street, WV14 8PF, will include: Worship, Teaching & Ministry.

Transforming Communities Together You can find the latest information from the Diocese's Transforming Communities Together at:

<https://tctogether.org.uk/whats-new>

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Discipleship Today: Being And Doing This joint day conference between Lichfield Diocese and Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Methodist District on **4 December 2021** features keynote speaker the Revd Roger Walton, at Yarnfield Park Conference Centre near Stone. This long established lay-led conference also features Bishop Michael and the Revd Rachel Parkinson, Chair of Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Methodist District. To book and for more info visit the website or contact John Underhill on 07936 300297.

Autumn BSL workshops If you're interested in learning some simple Christian British Sign Language signs there are two-hour online Zoom sessions to choose from on **Monday 15 November** and **13 December** all at 7pm at Rising Brook Church in Stafford.

Guvna B and Amy Orr-Ewing at Fulfil Youth Event The Autumn Fulfil is on **Friday 19th November** to which we welcome Guvna B and Amy Orr-Ewing. This will be an in-person event back at our regular venue of Mount Zion Community Church in Aston. Our spring date is **11th March**, and the date of the summer event will be confirmed soon but it will either be **8th July**. Why not plan to bring your young people to these events?! If

you are new to BCM and BCM's youth team you can view this little introductory clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZyN_UN9igQ&t=1sand

Sight Loss Friendly Church Taster Sessions Every 6 minutes someone in the UK starts to lose their sight. Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC), from Torch Trust, the UK Christian sight loss charity, are pleased to announce further dates of our popular Tasters. These 30 minute Zoom sessions offer the opportunity to hear all the benefits of SLFC, meet the SLFC team and ask your questions. Sessions available are:

- Tuesday 16 November at 11:00 AM
- Wednesday 12 January at 2:00 PM
- Monday 24 January at 2:00 PM

To register please visit <https://www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/taster>. For more information please email SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk

Tread lightly into Christmas and 2022 The Chad Living team hosts two one-hour online sessions which are open to all, no booking necessary:

- **Wednesday 1 December 12pm – Re:Dress – Why our clothes matter** - Join us for this session where we'll look at the worldwide clothes production industry post-Covid, explore some of the environmental and ethical impacts of fast fashion and share our tips about slowing down fast fashion. We will also be launching out Re:Dress 2022 Challenge! Zoom link. Meeting ID: 857 4746 9970. Passcode: 620480.

Love Black Country Job Noticeboard

Check out the noticeboard for any local job vacancies

<https://loveblackcountry.org.uk/category/noticeboard/>



Hear the Gospel according to Luke! As we look towards Advent and the start of the church year, the DVE team invites you to move into Lectionary Year C by listening together to the whole of Luke's Gospel. The readings will be online at midday **Monday – Thursday for the first four weeks of November**. You are welcome to join as often as you are able as we take time to listen to the Gospel, and to hear the word of the Lord. We will be reading one or two chapters per day. All welcome.

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