

# St matthews church

## *Prayer Diary*



**June 2022**



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

**From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. *Ephesians 4:16***

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Walsall Rotary Centenary Celebration Service**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all fund raising and support for local charities that is provided by Walsall Rotary Club. On this day when they celebrate the 100 year anniversary of their founding, we thank you for the dedication of all their members who volunteer their time and talents to tackle challenges at home and abroad. Amen

Please pray for the church and centre continuity group.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II**

Holy Father, on this really special day we thank you for the life of our Queen, for her commitment in loyal service and godly living that has inspired us through her long reign. Bless and support her with your steadfast and unfailing love. Strengthen her faith so that she may continue to be a beacon of stability and hope for our country. We also pray that her health will improve so that she is able to take part and enjoy many of the celebrations held in her honour this weekend. Amen.

Prayers for the Hospital Chaplaincy Team.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: For Reassurance and Peace**

Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable. Put into practice what you learnt and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4 v8.* Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Lysways Street

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June: For Guidance**

Eternal God and wise Father, please give us the wisdom to know what is most important for us to pursue with our time, efforts, and money. Please bless us with your holy wisdom, so that we may invest our life in what is truly meaningful and live to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Please pray for the residents of New Hall Street

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Jubilee Celebrations/ Pentecost Service**

Dear Lord, we thank you for sending your holy spirit to your disciples so that they were able to preach to people from all countries and all were able to understand in their own language. Help us to be brave enough to share our faith with others and be prepared to step out from the crowd and declare our trust in you. We also pray for all the Jubilee Celebrations that are due to happen today – may the sun shine and all involved enjoy a really special day celebrating the life of our Queen. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Orlando Close

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Peace within**

Almighty God, give us today calmness within so that tension will go away and help us to be at peace with one another. May we 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

Please pray for the residents of Bath Street

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Teach us to listen to you.**

Lord, teach us to listen to you. The times are noisy and our ears are weary with the thousands of raucous sounds which continuously assault us. Give us the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said, "Speak, for Thy servant heareth." Let us hear you speaking in our hearts. Let us get used to the sound of your voice, so that we recognise you when you speak to us and guide us in our daily lives. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hanch Place

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Archdeacon's Visit & Bishops Advisory Panel**

Dear Lord, we pray today for the visit of the Archdeacon to our church, that it will go well and the visit be a success. We also pray for all those involved in the Bishop's Advisory panel that starts today. We pray for those who are considering ordination that you will be with them and guide them as they seek to train to become ministers and become your spokesperson here on earth.

Amen

Please pray for the planning group.

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>. June: Walsall Deanery Clergy meeting.**

Father, we pray for all the clergy attending this meeting today that they will have an insight into the needs of the people of Walsall and to seek ways to spread your love through words and actions. Amen

Prayers for churches in the Walsall Deanery. Christ Church. St. Aidan's. St Catherine's with St Chad Churches.

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>. June: 'Change Into Action'.**

Father, we pray for this for this new initiative as an alternative giving scheme supporting local specialist charities and street teams to change the circumstances of people sleeping rough and to help those at risk of homelessness in Walsall.

Please pray for the residents of Dandy's Walk

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>. June: Wedding Preparation course**

Dear Father, we pray for all those who are preparing to be married in St Matthew's Church. Please be with them all as they consider taking this huge step in their lives. May their desire to be married in your presence be the overwhelming reason. Help them to know that you are always with them and to let them feel your love and support. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Barleyfields Road

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>. June: Deanery Confirmation at St Michael's**

Father, we pray for those today taking the next step on the journey of their faith. May they see the path that you have prepared for them, may they step out with the strong knowledge of your love and the support of family and friends. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Hope Street

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>. June: Care and Residential Homes.**

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who live in residential homes in our parish. We ask that you give support to those who are physically weak and comfort to those who find life so confusing due to declining age. We pray too for the families and friends of all these residents who have been unable to visit their loved ones so regularly.

Please pray for the residents of Highview, Maryvale, Gorway House and Crossways homes.

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>. June: The family of St Matthew's**

Dear Father, we are so grateful for the family of Christians who meet at St Matthew's. We thank you for the love, constancy and support they offer to each other and for the spiritual help they provide. We pray that you will bless all that are in this fellowship, may they each continue to shine as lights for you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of St Michael's Street

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>. June: Federation Governors.**

Father, we pray for the governors and staff as they meet today to reflect on and discuss the curriculum to be delivered at the school. We pray for insight into the needs of the young people in their care, providing the skills and tools needed in their education as they develop into the next stage of their learning. We pray that the next stage will be filled with hope and knowledge of your love for pupils, staff and governors. Amen

Please pray for those taking on responsibility for the finances of the church and centre.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Churches Together: Joseph Leckie Lecture**

We pray for this wonderful opportunity for Christians across the town to come together as one family to share in and learn from your word. Please bless Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald as he speaks, and may it be a time that strengthens and encourages all who attend, unifying and growing your church in Walsall. Amen

Prayers for churches in the Walsall Deanery. St Michael and All Angels Church.

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June: The Archbishop's prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons; we pray for those who fear tomorrow that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those in positions of power, that they may have wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Bath Road

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June: Jim leading a vision day at another church**

Dear Lord, please be with Jim as he guides and encourages Christians elsewhere in the vision and direction you want their church to go. We thank you that they are earnestly seeking your will and your paths, and may today be a time of blessing for them. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little London

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June: Fathers' Day**

We give thanks to you, our Heavenly Father, for all who are earthly fathers. May they be able to cope with the responsibility of the role, and be able to give the love and support that is needed. We pray too for those who have never had the opportunity to be fathers or who have lost children. Please be with them in their sadness and comfort them in their sorrow, and may they still feel your peace in their lives. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Sandwell Street

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June: Owen**

We pray Lord for Owen as he joins us as our Youth Groups Worker. We give thanks for his faith and his enthusiasm and we ask you will bless his ministry with us. May he be able to get your message across to the teenagers and young adults he will be with, and show them that, amongst all the pressures they may be under, you are the answer. Amen

Please pray for the residents of West Bromwich Street

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June: Jake**

Dear Lord, we remember Jake Ray as we approach the third anniversary of his Thanksgiving service. We thank you for that act of commitment, and all he brings to our fellowship, and may we, as a church, support him and his family in their journey of faith. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Green

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Deanery Synod**

We ask, dear Lord, that you will be with tonight's Deanery Synod as it considers issues facing the churches in our area, and the ways we should respond to the challenges facing us. We thank you for Jimm & Sue who represent St Matthew's here. May they and all who attend be given humbleness to see where we in the Deanery should change, and may they

be given wisdom and faith to see the form you want that change to take.

Amen

Please pray for those who have the responsibility for the bulletin and daily emails

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Larger Churches meeting**

As our clergy meet with others from other larger churches across the diocese we pray that they will be able to share ideas and experiences. May today's meeting not only encourage the church leaders in their ministry, but also help them as they constantly seek your will and your direction for the specific needs of the fellowships they work with. Amen

Prayers for churches in the Walsall Deanery. St Mary's. St Thomas'. Tynings Lane Churches.

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June: Forgiveness.**

Loving Father, we give thanks that you are willing to forgive us all for our failings. Help us always to be ready to pass on that forgiveness to others. We place our faith in you; we trust you with our lives and invite you to lead us today in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Road

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June: Black Country Food Bank.**

We pray for all the food banks that are operating in our area and for all the volunteers and paid staff who help with this initiative. We pray that all of us will remember those who are struggling and include some extra items in our shopping to help others. Lord Jesus, open our eyes to the needs of people around us. Help us to stop and listen to their needs. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Grove Terrace

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June: Confess.**

Lord, we confess that we often let you down with our thoughts, words and actions. Help us to live more closely to you, so that others will see your love, joy and peace in our lives. May the light of Jesus shine from us encouraging more to come to know You. Amen

Please pray for the residents of New Street

**Monday, 27th June: Cathedral Council Meeting/Standing Committee.**

We pray Father, for these two meetings being held today, and ask for the thoughts of all those present to be guided by your Holy Spirit and the agenda's to be worked through with ease and clarity. May all those attending feel closer to you and know Your will is being done. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Hill Street

**Tuesday, 28th June: Licensing At St John's Walsall Wood.**

Lord, we pray for this service today and ask that the love and welcome of everyone present will encourage this new minister. We pray that their love for you will shine from them and encourage more people to come and learn about you and welcome you into their lives. Amen  
Please pray for the residents of Town Hill

**Wednesday, 29th June: Children's work at St Matthew's**

Father we know that many initiatives start well and over time slow down and another idea springs into action. We have seen much growth over the years of children attending St Matthew's but now pray for more families to attend St Matthew's once more. Father, we give thanks for all our leaders and helpers who give their time on a Sunday to share your words with our young members. Amen

Please pray for the residents of St Matthew's Close

**Thursday, 30th June: Musical Director .**

Dear Lord, we pray for Andy Clayton who has taken on this role at St Matthew's. We pray that his association with Blue Coat School and music will be one that encourages more students to want to be a part of St Matthew's. May his appointment open more doors and encourage more to learn the good news of having You in our lives. Amen

Prayers for churches in the Walsall Deanery. St Michael the Archangel.

Christ the King Churches.