



**St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Worshipping God;  
 Equipping His people;  
 Growing His Kingdom;  
 Serving Walsall**

**What's on this week...**

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| <b>Sun 5th</b>             | 8.45am           | - Parish Communion (Church)                           |
|                            | 10.45am          | - All Age Worship (Church)                            |
|                            | 1.00pm - 5.00pm  | - St Matthew's Big Jubilee Lunch (St Matthew's Close) |
|                            | 6.30pm           | - Love Walsall Pentecost Service (Church)             |
| <b>Tues 7th</b>            | 8.40am           | - Blue Coat Academy Key Stage Assembly (Church)       |
|                            | 10.00am-4.00pm   | - Places of Welcome (Church)                          |
| <b>Wed 8th</b>             | 10.00am          | - Bible study (Church)                                |
|                            | 7.00pm           | - Archdeacon's visitation (All Saint's Bloxwich)      |
| <b>Thurs 9th</b>           | 9.30am-11.00am   | - Stay and Play (Centre)                              |
|                            | 2.00pm           | - OWLs (Centre)                                       |
| <b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b> | 8.40am           | - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)                 |
|                            | 9.30am           | - Church Open, Cleaning and Flower Arrangers (Church) |
|                            | 7.30pm           | - Signs for Worship Walsall (Online)                  |
| <b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am - 1.00pm | - Wedding preparation morning (Church)                |

**Further ahead**

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| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b> | - Blue Coat Trust trustees meeting (Federation House) |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b> | - Breakfast and Banter (Broadway Toby Carvery)        |

**Prayer requests**

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 Joao Henrique, Alwyn Platt, June Nicholas, Deborah Maragh, Helen Robinson, Liz Blewitt, Sheena, Kim, Marian Masters, Heather Samuels, and Margaret Madeley.

### **Wanted – Head Server**

The role of the Head Server is to prepare the communion table each week when we have communion services, keep an eye on communion supplies, and to make sure the right colour table frontal cloths are on the high table, lectern and pulpit. If you think this is ministry that might suit you, please speak to Rev Jim. Training will be provided.

### **Confirmation**

The next Deanery Confirmation will be held on Sunday morning on 12<sup>th</sup> June at St Michael's Church, Rushall. Any members of St Matthew's wanting to be confirmed should speak to Rev Joe.

### **A prayer for St Matthew's in a season of change**

Loving God, As St. Matthew's enters this season of change in staff and operations structures we thank you for the new opportunities it brings. We pray in particular now for those leading our working groups. For Lauren, chairing the future planning group and for Jimm and Beth, leading in continuity and administration. We pray that you would give them wisdom, energy, vision and perseverance to see your work done in this place. Amen.

### **Welcomers needed**

We are looking for welcomers to help at the 8.45am service, if you think this is something you can help with, please contact Beth Ray.

### **Help Wanted**

Could you spare a couple of hours each month to help building manager John with maintenance/repairs? No experience or special skill is needed, but you must be able bodied and have a mobile phone. Typical tasks include supporting a ladder, tidying tools and observing. Typical jobs include Danish oil all oak doors, clear vegetation from north boundary wall and repairing brick steps. For more information please contact John Edlin on 07546504904.

### **Rightnow media**

It is likely that we will be stopping our church subscription to RightNow Media in the near future. If you use free church account, please speak to Jim and let him know, as soon as possible.

### **Questionnaire: Legacy Project**



Our Legacy Project, Project Consultants, Greenwood of Lichfield, are conducting a Public Consultation concerning the future uses of St Matthew's Church. Would you like to contribute your views? You can either use the online survey using the QR Code to link to the online version. Alternatively, you can fill in a paper copy and post it in a box in the glass Entrance Porch. Thank you. John Edlin. Chair of the Legacy Project Committee.

### **Baby Massage**

The next 5 week baby massage class at St Matthew's Church Centre starts on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30 – 11.00 am. It costs £30 for the 5 weeks. Contact Priscilla on 07984 626637 to find out more and book a place.

### **Sponsoring a Ukrainian Family**

Can you sponsor a Ukrainian family to find a safe home in the UK? A family of five, parents and three children, are in need of sponsorship to reach the UK. Do you have room in your home to accommodate them or others? If you can help, please contact Marina at marina0905@gmail.com for further information.

**Daily Prayer Emails** Sign up at: <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/signup>

**June Prayer Diary** The current prayer diary is available [here](#)

**St Matthew's Stay and Play** group is on **Thursdays during term time** from 9.30-11.00 am in the Church Centre. There will be lots of different activities for all ages from birth to 5 including optional messy play. The cost will be £2 per adult and child and £1 for each additional child, payable at the start of each session. For more information please speak to Priscilla (07984 626637) or Rachel (07967 111258).

## ***Wider Church & Local News***

### **Black Country Foodbank**

The food banks are desperate for donations due to a large rise in people seeking help. For more for information see [www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk)

### **Deanery Choir**

This year, following the releasing of restrictions, we hope to celebrate the Deanery Summer Eucharist on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at St Gabriel's Church, Fullbrook. So that we can celebrate the Eucharist as a Deanery we would like to bring together the choirs of all the Walsall Churches to form one choir for this Service. The music will be well known with a mix of traditional and contemporary hymnody, with at least a couple of rehearsals before the day itself. Please note the choir will be based up in the Choir Gallery at the back of St Gabriel's. If you would be interested in joining us for this special Service please contact Chris Booth by 31<sup>st</sup> May by emailing stgabriels.directorofmusic@gmail.com With my best wishes

### **New Wine Summer Gatherings – help needed**

New Wine urgently need help to raise team for the New Wine summer gatherings for United, Luminosity and Sixty One. Thousands booked in, hungry to gather to worship Jesus together this summer, but they urgently need volunteers to be able to pull off the events. There are many ways to serve including children's work or youth work, café serving, stewarding, site services, supporting children with additional needs (Our Place) or adults with learning disabilities (Access), if you have special skills, medical or technical teams, and many more. To apply, go to [www.new-wine.org/teams](http://www.new-wine.org/teams)

## **Do you have Hip Arthritis?**

The Academy Team at the NHS in the Black Country is running a patient feedback project in Sandwell and Walsall. We want to explore the experiences of Hip Arthritis patients to see what kind of treatments patients are offered, and what the NHS might be able to do to improve services. We would like to involve a range of patients from different backgrounds. We are offering a gift of £25 shopping voucher for taking part. If you are interested in taking part, please contact us directly at: Bruno Barbosa (07977947401) [bruno.barbosa1@nhs.net](mailto:bruno.barbosa1@nhs.net) or Rosalind Smithson (07977 947438) [rosalind.smithson@nhs.net](mailto:rosalind.smithson@nhs.net)

## **Big Youth**

We're very excited to announce that Big Youth is back again on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm at Bath Street Centre.



This time we have some exciting guests from the Message Academy (the evangelism school of the Message Trust) who will be performing some songs, sharing testimonies and preaching the gospel. We will also have refreshments, games and of course lots of fun!

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### **Key Contacts:**

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