



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 12 November 2023

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

What's on this week ...

Sun 12 Nov	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise and Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Evening Service
Mon 13 Nov	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	10.00am	- Ethnic Identity Course (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Confirmation Rehearsal
Tues 14 Nov	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	5.30pm	- Walsall Faith Leaders' Network Meeting
	7.30pm	- Ethnic Identity Course (Centre)
Wed 15 Nov	9.30am	- Baby Massage (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Christmas Community Choir (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Ethnic Identity Course
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 16 Nov	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	1.20pm	- Blue Coat Academy Prize Evening Rehearsal
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	6.00pm	- ROAR (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Hymn Club (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Blue Coat Academy Prize Evening
7.30pm	- Ethnic Identity Course (Centre)	
Fri 17 Nov	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	7.30pm	- Signs for Worship Service (Centre)

Further ahead

18 Nov

18, 20 & 23 Nov

25 Nov

30 Nov

1 & 2 Dec

- West Midlands Police Band
- Angels Chorus Practice
- Walk of Awareness
- Youth Orchestra Concert
- Nativity Play Rehearsal
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Prayer Diary for November - Available at <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/resources/>

Prayer Requests – There are many who are struggling with their own or other’s health, or with the loss of a loved one. Please pray for Diane Edlin and her family, Mark and Esther Westbury, Sue Webster’s friend, Sophie, Maureen Platt and Iris Taylor, David, Bozz, Natasha, Julie and Jane Griffin, Colin’s friend Hon, Iris Mallaband, Ann Hazzard and Heather Samuels.



10.45am Service

It is time to reflect, remember and think of others this Remembrance Sunday, and in the services held at St Matthew’s. This special service can be seen on the St Matthew’s YouTube channel.

The Nativity - Book tickets now!

The Nativity is a new adaptation of the story of the birth of Jesus, as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

This unmissable community theatre production takes the story back to the basic:, the shepherds are labourers who don’t wear dressing gowns; the Magi are figures of authority; Herod is a frustrated vassal of Rome; and Mary and Joseph are a young couple facing enormous responsibility.

Performances are on:

Friday 1 December, 7pm

Saturday 2 December, 2.30pm & 7pm

Book your tickets now

at www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/nativity

A poster for "The Nativity". The top half features a golden circular frame with a sparkling, starry border. Inside the frame are silhouettes of figures, likely representing the Nativity scene. Below the frame, the text "The NATIVITY" is written in a stylized, golden font. The bottom half of the poster has a solid yellow background with black text. It reads: "A COMMUNITY THEATRE RETELLING OF THE NATIVITY STORY", "Performances on", "FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7PM", "SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER, 2.30PM & 7PM", "All tickets £5. Book now at", and "www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/nativity". At the very bottom, there is a black bar with the St Matthew's Church logo in white.

West Midlands Police Band Concert



Our Autumn concert season is concluding with a very special concert from the West Midlands Police Brass Band.

Join us on **Saturday 18 November** at 7pm in St Matthew's Church, Walsall.

Tickets are £5 or FREE if you have a Blue Light card. No need to pre-book - just turn up!

St Matthew's Lunch Club

St Matthew's Lunch Club is starting for anyone on their own who would like to share a meal with others. First meeting is **Friday 17 November** 12.00pm, at the Longhorn Pub, Sutton Road.

If you would like to come along, please confirm with either Brenda Burden on 07792 938126 or Anne Tolley on 07518 339606. We need numbers to make sure we can reserve a large enough table.

St Matthew's Youth Club

St Matthew's Youth Club starts **Friday 10 November** and will meet fortnightly on Friday evenings from 7.00-8:30pm. It is for anyone aged 11 to 18 and meets in the main Church building.

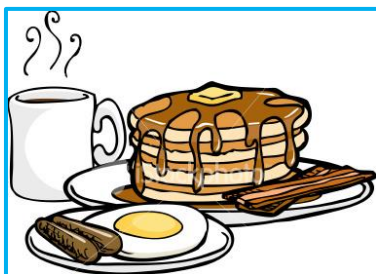
It is open to anyone secondary school age. There'll be loads of fun activities, games, and prizes, and we're planning a trip or two! There'll be space to learn about Jesus, make new friends and just chat.

If you come to Sunday services at St Matthew's Church we'd love for you to join us, and hope you can bring friends too!



And Youth Group volunteers...

Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help with this group, please speak to Rev Jim.



Church breakfast 18 November

All are welcome to friendly breakfast at Toby Carvery, Broadway, Walsall, on the third Saturday of each month. The best destination for good conversation, laughs and lots of food! The venue been going 4 years or more. Call Neal 07717 192513 for information, or just turn up 8.30am onwards.

A lovely problem to have!

Can you help with refreshments at the confirmation service at 10.45am on **Sunday 19 November**? It will be a big service and a wonderful atmosphere. If you can, let Jim know.

Church Weekend Away: Fri 12 Jan -Sun 4 Jan 2024 – booking essential

You are invited to our annual Church Weekend Away. It's a wonderful time to relax, to build friendships, and to get closer to God. The weekend is for the whole church: all ages, abilities and life-stages. Find out more and book:

www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/weekend-away



Wider Church & Local News

Mission in Mark



Join the Mission Team for a workshop to explore how Mark's Gospel illuminates the 'Five Marks of Mission'. Gathering from 10am and closing by 3pm. Open to anyone but

booking is essential. It will be **Thursday 8 February 2024** at St Mark's, Great Wyrley.

<https://lichfield.anglican.org/calendar/549>

Sanctuary Mental Health and Well-being Church Conference

This conference will create a space for you to explore how churches and Christian communities can become sanctuaries that champion positive mental health and well-being. Taking place on **Friday 24 November** from 9.30am to 3pm at LifeCentral Church in Halesowen, booking is essential via Eventbrite (just search for the conference title).

Any Questions? At Lichfield Cathedral

BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions?* was first broadcast in October 1948. Every week it visits a different part of the country with a panel of four speakers who answer questions from the audience. On **Friday 1 December** it will be at Lichfield Cathedral. Admission is by ticket only and doors will open to the audience at 6.30pm. (Children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.) See the cathedral website for full details including booking tickets.

<https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/any-questions>

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