



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 24 March 2024

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

What's on this week

Sun 24 Mar	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise and Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	4.00pm	- Sonare Choir Concert
	6.30pm	- Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 25 Mar	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	- Holy Week Service
Tues 26 Mar	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	7.00pm	- Holy Week Service
Weds 27 Mar	10.00am	- Bible Study
	7.00pm	- Holy Week Service
	7.30pm	- Community Choir
Thurs 28 Feb	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Maundy Thursday Communion
Fri 29 Mar	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	10.00am	- Walk of Witness (Town Centre)
	12.00pm	- The Great Big Easter Festival (Town Centre)
	12.00pm	- Church Open for Prayer and Reflection
	7.00pm	- Holy Week Service

Further ahead

31 Mar	- All Age Easter Day Celebration
6 April	- Burial of Ashes of Patricia Everton
12 April	- St Matthew's Youth Club
	- Signs for Worship Service (Centre)
13 April	- Birmingham Organists' Association
15 April	- Wedding Rehearsal
20 April	- Wedding of Hannah Sunder and Henry Masih

March's Prayer Diary - Available at <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/resources/>

Prayer requests – Please pray for Rachel, the mother of Delroy, one of our 10.45am congregation church members, as she is not well. Please also pray for Iris Taylor’s son-in-law, Iain Thornley, as his shoulder injury from January is not healing, and needs intensive physio and possible surgery. Please pray for healing.

In addition, please remember our Mayor of Walsall, Chris Towe, and Sue, his musical associate, as they both navigate their way through ill health. Pray for strength and healing for them both, and for peace as they strive through each day.

Keep in your prayers Natasha McGuinness as she faces considerable personal challenges, and pray for the happiness and safety of her children.

Baby Anif recently had an operation, and he is doing well, thank God. The doctors are happy with his progress, but please keep us in your prayers – from Anif and his mum, Sarah, and siblings, Nailah and Ezekiel.

Finally, as ever, please pray for all those in need and, in particular, for Bishop Alan Smith, Maisie Ewan, Melanie Whitehouse, Iris Taylor, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Ann Hazzard, Anne Tolley and Heather Samuels.

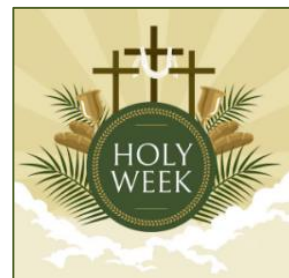


10.45am Service

This **Sunday 24 March** is Palm Sunday - the Christian feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels, so please join us as we share this important date in the Christian calendar.

Holy Week Services

For the evening services during Holy Week this year we will be reading the Passion narrative from John’s Gospel. The services will start at 7pm and last about 30-40 minutes each night, except Maundy Thursday which will be a slightly longer Communion Service. If anyone is likely to attend any of the services and would like to do a reading, please can you speak to Jim.



Easter Services

Palm Sunday | 24 March

Parish Communion	8.45am
Morning Praise	10.45am
Asian Congregation	1pm
The Evening Service	6.30pm

Holy Week | 25-29 March

Short services each night, including Communion on Maundy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday | 29 March

Walk of Witness (Town Centre)	10am
The Great Big Easter Festival (Town Centre)	12-3pm
Church open for reflection	12-3pm
Holy Week service	7pm

Easter Day | 31 March

Parish Communion	8.45am
All Age Easter Celebration	10.45am
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Walk of Witness

This Good Friday, **29 March**, churches in Walsall are putting together something wonderful...

For nearly a decade, churches have been working as one for the Walsall Walk of Witness. Together, they've made the message of Jesus' passion public for the whole town to see. Now, even more churches are joining forces to engage even more people with the first-ever Easter Festival.

Following the Walk of Witness, see the Easter story unfolding in the community from 12pm to 3pm at Lower Hall Lane, Walsall. Experience a parade of angels and drums down the main high street leading to a stage with a gospel choir. Witness a re-enactment of the resurrection, musical sets, Christian craft stalls, street entertainers, street drama, street evangelism, HOTS (Healing on the Streets), kids' crafts, food trucks, and community artwork.

St Matthew's Lunch Club

St Matthew's Lunch Club is meeting again on **Friday 12 April** at noon. It's for anyone on their own who would like to share a meal with others, and will be held 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.



Exciting opportunity alert - we're hiring!

St Matthew's is looking for a 4-11s Kids' Club Leader. Are you passionate about shaping young minds and hearts for Christ? We are seeking a dedicated individual to join our team as a 4-11s Kids' Club Leader.

For this newly-developed role, we are seeking a person to lead an already established kids' club, JAM (Jesus And Me), and work alongside local schools (Blue Coat Infant and Juniors) to assist with a monthly assembly for each school.

If you have a heart for children's ministry and a desire to make a difference in the lives of young ones, we want to hear from you! For more details and to apply, please visit www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/jobs. The closing date for applications is **Sunday 14 April**.

Sonare Choir Concert

The renowned choral quartet are performing at St Matthew's on **Saturday 20 April**, at 4pm. Don't miss this glorious group as they offer a magical journey through the British choral tradition. Tickets are £5 on the door or are available at www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/events



Wider Church & Local News



Dementia-friendly Songs of Praise at Lichfield Cathedral

This service, **Tuesday 23 April** from 10.45am – 11.30am, is for all whose lives are impacted by dementia. Guests include the Cathedral choristers and special invitee Tony Christie, who sang *This is the way to Amarillo* and who lives with dementia. This informal service of worship will be filmed for the BBC's *Songs of Praise*.

There's a warm welcome to attend this service - please do come yourself and share the invitation with other people whose lives are impacted by dementia. It will be helpful to the organisers if people register their intention to come (though no-one will be turned away). For further details, or to register your interest, contact Canon David at david.primrose@lichfield-cathedral.org or 07946 222667.

Walsall Lent Lunchtime Services 2024

Our final lunchtime presentation is upon us. Rev Dr Carver Anderson, from the Bringing Hope Charity, will be talking on 'Gangs, youth violence and social challenges in communities' on **Wednesday 27 March** for the final of a splendid series of lectures, so please join us for a light lunch at 12.10pm, followed by a service and the talk at 1pm at the Upper Room, St Paul's Church at the Crossing, Walsall, and take part.

Coram Beanstalk need volunteers

Can you help a child learn to read? Coram Beanstalk can, with your help – together we can create readers. Can you spare a few hours a week to inspire children to become readers? By giving a few hours a week, in a local primary school, you could make a real difference to how well children do at school, and in life. We'll train you to set children up to succeed ... sharing, talking and having fun with books to help them understand the joy of reading.

Make a difference to a child's life, and to yours. Find out more at corambeanstalk.org.uk or call 020 7729 4087.

Muha Band are coming to St Matthew's

On **Saturday 27 April** at 7pm, in partnership with The Rotary Club, St Matthew's is hosting a concert in support of Ukraine. Muha Band (Ukraine/UK and based in Nottingham) offers a new tradition in contemporary Eastern European music. Influenced by the multicultural society, the band is a brilliant live act. Tickets are £10 each, payable on the door or prepaid.

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