



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 31 March 2024

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

What's on this week

Sun 31 Mar	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- All Age Easter Day Service
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 1 Apr	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
Tues 2 Apr	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 3 Apr	10.00am	- Bible Study
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir
Thurs 4 Apr	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	6.00pm	- ROAR
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 5 Apr	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers

Further ahead

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
20 April	- Sonare Vocal Quartet
27 April	- MUHA Band

March and April's Prayer Diaries - Available at

<https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/resources/>

Prayer requests – Please pray for Solomon Butterfield, who is not very well at the moment. Please also pray for Jim and Priscilla’s grandson, Charlie William Trood, born on Thursday afternoon, and who is currently in the special care unit, though he is improving. Please also pray for his parents, Will and Emma.

Please keep in your prayers Rachel (Delroy’s mother) Iain Thornley (Iris Taylor’s son-in-law), the Mayor of Walsall, Chris Towe, and Sue, his musical associate.

Continue to pray for Natasha and baby Anif, as well as Anif’s family.

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

It is Easter Day this **Sunday 31 March**. This is when we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead, three days after he was executed, and Easter Day marks the beginning of fifty days of celebrating Jesus’ resurrection. This service is an All Age Communion, so please come and share it with us.

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.



Church breakfast

All are also welcome to our friendly breakfast group at Court House Wetherspoons, Walsall Town Centre, on **Saturday 21 April**. The best destination for good conversation, laughs and lots of food! Call Neal 07717 1925 13 for information, or just turn up 8.30am onwards.

New members - electoral roll

Over the last year we have loved having lots of new people join St Matthew’s Church. For those over the age of 16, ‘membership’ of St Matthew’s Church comes by joining the electoral roll. If you would like to sign up to the electoral roll, please speak to Jim for a form, or fill in one online at: www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/electoral-roll



Clocks changing

Don’t forget! The clocks go forward by one hour at 1am on **31 March**.

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**.

Can you help St Matthew's Guides (10-15 years) and Rangers (14-18 years)?

WE NEED NEW LEADERS! Our current leader is retiring and there is no-one to take over. This year is our 100th Anniversary, but without new leaders it will be our last birthday...

Adult membership of Girlguiding is open to all, but there are some roles that are only open to women, such as leaders.

Through a variety of activities, the girls learn such skills as first aid, DIY, survival skills, and they learn how to become responsible citizens serving their community and taking care of the environment. Rangers can also participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

We need at least two leaders for this rewarding role: one for the Guides and one for the Rangers. If you would like to volunteer (or know a friend or family member who might be interested) or would like more information, please contact Janet Kempson through the Church Office (01922 626039). Thank you, St Matthew's Guides and Rangers.

Charity jigsaw competition and bring-and-buy



Do you enjoy doing jigsaws? If you do, why not combine the fun with raising money for the Sandwell Deaf Community Association, here at St Matthew's Centre on **11 May**, from 10am-12pm. Compete against others to complete the same puzzle, and the fastest wins! All skill levels are welcome.



The solo competition is 10am-12pm, and the pairs competition is 1pm to 3pm. Just scan the QR code for more information.

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Easter Family Fun Day

Monday 1 April from 10.30am-3.30pm sees the return of the Easter Family Fun Day at The Leather Museum, Walsall. Expect Punch & Judy and magic shows, walkabout entertainment, balloon modelling and a drop-in art activity. The event is free, and all are welcome!

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.



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 Easter 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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