

St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 30 June 2024

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

What's on this week

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| Sun 30 June | 8.45am | - Parish Communion |
| | 10.00am | - Service Bell Ringing |
| | 10.45am | - All Age Communion |
| | 1.00pm | - Asian Congregation |
| | 6.30pm | - Evening Service (Centre) |
| Mon 1 July | 8.00am | - Morning Prayer |
| | 10.00am | - Homegroup (Centre) |
| Tues 2 July | 8.15am | - Blue Coat Academy Y6 Induction Day Assembly |
| | 10.00am | - Places of Welcome |
| Weds 3 July | 8.15am | - Blue Coat Academy Y6 Induction Day Assembly |
| | 10.00am | - Bible Study |
| | 3.30pm | - JAM After School Club (Centre) |
| | 6.00pm | - Guides (Centre) |
| | 7.00pm | - Bell Ringing |
| | 7.30pm | - Community Choir (Centre) |
| Thurs 4 July | 8.00am | - Morning Prayer |
| | 9.30am | - Stay and Play (Centre) |
| | 11.00am | - Blue Coat Academy Diversity Day Rehearsal |
| | 12.30pm | - Sensory Play for Babies (Centre) |
| | 2.00pm | - OWLs (Centre) |
| | 3.30pm | - Organ Practice |
| | 6.00pm | - ROAR |
| 7.00pm | - Music Ministry Team Rehearsal | |
| Fri 5 July | 8.00am | - Blue Coat Academy Assembly |
| | 9.30am | - Church Cleaning and Flowers |
| | 1.00pm | - Blue Coat Academy Diversity Day |
| | 7.00pm | - Signs for Worship (Centre) |

Further ahead

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| 7 July | - Baptism of Ezra Barrett |
| 8 July | - Church Leaders' Meeting (Centre) |
| 10 July | - Blue Coat Federation Summer Concert |

- 11 July** - Blue Coat Academy Summer Prize Evening
- 12 July** - St Matthew's Youth Club
- 19 July** - Blue Coat Federation Leavers' Service
- 20 July** - Jessie Desai + Support Concert
- 26 July** - Wedding rehearsal

July and August's Prayer Diaries – Available at <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/resources/>

Prayer requests – Please keep in your prayers Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard, Heather Samuels and Anne Tolley. Please pray for all those who are struggling the world over – that they find comfort and relief from their troubles.



10.45am Service

The 10.45am service this week is a favourite – an All Age Communion. Come and share this wonderful observance with us on **Sunday 30 June**.

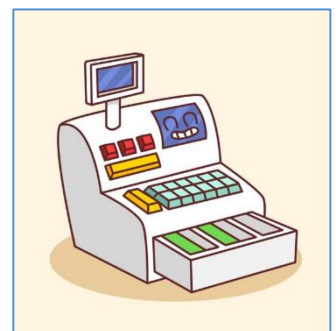
Don't miss the Deanery Summer Eucharist

The annual Walsall Deanery Summer Eucharist will be held at St Michael's and All Angels, Pelsall, on **Tuesday 23 July** at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments after the service.

St Michael's and All Angels are celebrating their 180th anniversary this year, and it will be lovely to meet as a deanery and give thanks for the ministry that has taken place faithfully over the years. All are welcome to this service.

If you donate or pay by PayPal...

If you are kind enough to donate to, buy tickets from or generally give money to support St Matthew's using PayPal, please can you let the office know who you are and the amount you paid. This is because PayPal payments do not provide any means by which we can identify the source of the money and Alyson, our super-efficient Finance Officer, would dearly love to be able to say thank you – and to allocate the monies correctly in the accounts!



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Joint statement by senior West Midlands church leaders

Ahead of the general election of 4 July 2024

A number of senior church leaders have produced a joint statement in advance of the forthcoming general election, which is well worth a read. The statement can be read at <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/news/joint-statement-by-west-midlands-church-leaders-ahead-of-the-general-election.php>, or there are hard copies available at the back of the Church. We do urge you to take the time and think about what they say – and bring this thoughtfulness to your choices on voting day.

Pray your part

With the county about to elect a new parliament, it is important to remember that the Bible tells us we should not abdicate responsibility for the life of the nation but rather play a full part and try to influence society for good. One way we can do this is to pray for the election and the surrounding issues.



Pray your part is a booklet of short prayers for Christians to pray in the days leading up to the general election. Rev Jim has arranged for a copy to be made available for each family unit in the Church. Please do pick up a copy from St Matthew's and use in your prayers at this important time for our nation.



Places of Welcome – summer hours

Places of Welcome are delighted to announce that they are operating summer hours from now on for a few months. This means that the Church will be open every Tuesday from 10am to 4pm, for visitors to enjoy free refreshments and friendly faces.

Confirmation

A number of people have spoken to Rev Jim about confirmation recently. There is likely to be a confirmation service at 7pm in Streetly on **11 September**. If anyone is interested in being confirmed at this service, please can they let Rev Jim know.

Summer concerts

So many exciting concerts planned for this summer. Keep an eye out for posters in the Church and Centre with their details:

- On **29 June** at 2pm, we look forward to welcoming David Hardie with an organ recital
- On **20 July** at 7pm, we have the wonderful Jessie Desai coming to entertain us.
Tickets £5 on the door or in advance at our website.

Wider Church & Local News

New Wine kids

New Wine are looking for people to help with the Gems and Pebbles children's groups at the New Wine Festival this summer. They specifically need team members who are over 18 years old and willing and excited to serve the youngest delegates.

No previous experience is required, as full training will be given both pre-site and on-site. Each team member will have a camping space, full access to the festival when not on duty, three meals per day and access to the exclusive Team Lounge, all for a small admin fee of £30. To join the team, visit <https://www.new-wine.org/events/newwine24/teams-2024/>

180-year parish celebration

St Michael's & All Angels Church, Pelsall, has organised two special history and legacy days on **Saturdays 3 August** and **14 September**. *Open the Doors* will feature guided tours, exhibitions and displays, bell ringing, music entertainment, children's treasure hunt, light refreshments and much more. Email stmichaelschurcpelsall@gmail.com or call 01922 685666 to find out more. Details are available on www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk



... in the belfry

Holy Trinity Church Dawley (Telford) had a visit from the practical folk of the RSPB last month who swiftly (ha ha) installed some nesting boxes in the tower - and made a nice video about it while they were at it:

<https://vimeo.com/954748723>.

The swift is an extraordinary bird, and well worth reading about. The RSPB says, "The Swift is a medium-sized aerial bird, which is a superb flyer. Sleeping, eating, bathing and even mating on the wing (while flying), Swifts rarely touch the ground. They are also the fastest birds in level flight, with an impressive top speed of 69mph."

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Preschool worker required

All Saints Parish Church, Streetly, have an exciting opportunity for a Christian with experience of working with young children and families. The role is for six hours a week to be worked flexibly over the year, leading Toddler Groups which meet on Monday and Friday 9am-noon, term time only. Pay is £11.44/hr plus expenses. For an application form, please contact Mrs Debbie Aggett (Parish Administrator) Mon-Fri 9.30am-2.30pm on allsaintstreetly@btinternet.com or 0121 353 538. Or for informal enquiries please contact Revd Mandy Walker on 07811 326204. The closing date for applications is **Monday 15 July** and interview date **Monday 22 July**.

Paradise found

An opportunity to live in the idyllic village of Ilam, for six months from July, has arisen due to operational changes at Dovedale House. In exchange for one- or two-person accommodation in a newly-renovated staff house, we are asking for cleaning duties and coordination of laundry, etc., between group bookings within the main house and holiday bungalow. For further information, please call 01543 306030, or email: finance@lichfield.anglican.org



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