



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 14 July 2024

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

What's on this week

Sun 14 July	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise & Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 15 July	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
Tues 16 July	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 17 July	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 18 July	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 19 July	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Blue Coat Federation Leavers' Service
Sat 20 July	7.00pm	- Jessie Desai + Support Concert

Further ahead

26 July	- Wedding rehearsal
29 July	- Wedding of Zoe Edwards and Dale Woodfield
9 Aug	- Wedding rehearsal
10 Aug	- Wedding of Sally-Anne Cowley and Thomas Greatrex
15 Aug	- Wedding rehearsal
17 Aug	- Wedding of Stacey Webb and Ashley McDonough

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

Prayer requests – Please pray for Sue Webster, who is feeling depressed and unwell, and would value your prayers. Please continue to pray for family and friends of Rachel Ryan, who died recently, and Delroy, her son. Also, please keep Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard, Heather Samuels and Anne Tolley in your thoughts and prayers.



10.45am Service

The theme of the service on **Sunday 14 July** is 'Personal prayer'. There will be plenty to reflect on, so please take part, either in person or online at the St Matthew's YouTube channel.

Join us this Sunday evening for our Summer Celebration!

We're excited to gather together for a special evening of worship, communion and a celebration meal. It's also a heartfelt opportunity to say goodbye to some cherished members who are moving on.

From 6.30pm to 7.45pm **Sunday 14 July** (yes, footy fans, you'll *will* have time to catch the game!).

Please note, The Evening Service will be taking a short break and will return on **Sunday 15 September**. Don't miss this wonderful chance to come together as a community before our summer pause. See you there!



Explore History at Our Heritage Open Days!

Step back in time and discover the rich history of our church during our Heritage Open Days on **Friday 6 September** (6pm-9pm) and **Saturday 7 September** (10am-4pm). We have a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy:

- Guided walking tours of the churchyard and Church Hill conservation area
- Informative leaflets
- Crypt and tower tours for the adventurous souls
- Comprehensive church tours suitable for all ages.

Bring your friends and family to learn, explore, and enjoy the heritage of our beautiful church. It's a perfect outing for history enthusiasts and curious minds alike!

Join us for a journey through time...

Children's Summer Social

Join us for our Children's Summer Social! It will be held 9.30am-11am on **Saturday 31 August** at St Matthew's Church.

Bring your little ones for a morning filled with joy and fun at our Children's Summer Social! We have an exciting lineup of activities to make this summer unforgettable:

- Delicious breakfast
- Creative crafts
- Fun activities
- Exciting games

... and so much more!



Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends and family. We can't wait to see you there!

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.

Church breakfast

All are also welcome to our friendly breakfast group at Court House Wetherspoons, Walsall Town Centre, on **Saturday 20 July**. The best destination for good conversation, laughs and lots of food! Call Neal 07717 192513 for information, or just turn up 8.30am onwards.

St Matthew's greetings cards are available!

We are excited to let you know that we have two styles of blank St Matthew's greetings cards for sale in the Church and Centre.



You can select from three black and white line drawings (two by our very own John Edlin), and one of St Matthew himself from the West window. Single cards are £2.00 or a pack of three (your choice) is £5.00. These photos don't do them justice, so take a look when you are next in Church – just ask!

We also have soft-touch pens with which to write your cards for £2.50, which come with a card sleeve. A pack of cards and a pen make a lovely visitors' gift, too!



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.

Our last Summer concert, for now!

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

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 stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com or call 01922 685666 to find out more. Details are available on www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk



Tower Tours

Following an extensive fundraising and restoration project, Lichfield Cathedral has just made tickets available for its relaunched Tower Tours opening on **22 July 2024**.

For the first time since Storm Desmond damaged the Central Spire in 2018, visitors will be allowed to climb the winding spiral staircases and follow hidden passageways to climb to the top of the central tower, the base of the iconic Central Spire.

Not only will visitors get the best view of Lichfield and the surrounding areas in all directions from the top of the tower, they will be some of the first to experience the newly renovated Tower Room.

Tower Tours Highlight costs £12, Tower Tours Rooftop costs £17. Tower Tours at Lichfield Cathedral are available to book in advance on the website, or on the day at the Visitor Services Desk, subject to availability: www.lichfield-cathedral.org/tower.

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