



## St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

**Sunday 21 July 2024**

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

### What's on this week

<b>Sun 21 July</b>	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise & Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
<b>Mon 22 July</b>	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
<b>Tues 23 July</b>	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
<b>Weds 24 July</b>	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
<b>Thurs 25 July</b>	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
<b>Fri 26 July</b>	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	11.00am	- Wedding rehearsal

### Further ahead

<b>29 July</b>	- Wedding of Zoe Edwards and Dale Woodfield
<b>9 Aug</b>	- Wedding rehearsal
<b>10 Aug</b>	- Wedding of Sally-Anne Cowley and Thomas Greatrex
<b>15 Aug</b>	- Wedding rehearsal
<b>17 Aug</b>	- 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 John Edlin, who is underdoing assessments in the Manor Hospital, that he be discharged soon and bounce back to health. Please also pray for Iris Taylor’s husband, Graham, who is having an endoscopy, that the results will be negative. Please also continue to pray for Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard, Heather Samuels and Anne Tolley in your thoughts and prayers.



### **10.45am Service**

Continuing the theme of prayer, the service on **Sunday 21 July** is entitled ‘The ultimate prayer’, and Rev Jim will turn the attention onto Jesus. As ever, there will be plenty to consider, so please take part, either in person or online at the St Matthew’s YouTube channel.

### **Summer’s fabulous concert series finale!**

On **Saturday 20 July** at 7pm we have the wonderful Jessie Desai coming to entertain us. More than ably supported by Abi Stanton and Sweaty Wednesday, tickets are only £5 on the door or in advance at our website.



### **Making music or mayhem?**

On **Sunday 4 August** there are a fair number of musicians away. To make up the numbers, and because it’s always good fun on the first Sunday of the month, we’d like to invite anyone who plays an instrument (no matter how good you think you are) to join us in the music ministry team for a morning! If you play or sing, and always fancied a go at the front of hurch, we’ll be rehearsing on **Thursday 1 August** at 7.30pm, and then playing the 10.45am service on the Sunday together. I can’t promise a prize for the most unusual instrument, but I can honestly say most of the songs will be playable by basic musicians of all kinds! I’ll even write a part for ukulele if we have one... For more information, speak to Andrew in church or email [andrew@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk](mailto:andrew@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk)



### **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!

## Summer plans for Children's Church

- \* **July** - Children's Church will be continuing throughout July
- \* **August** - no Children's Church but activity sheets will be provided to be used during the talk
- \* **Sunday 1 September** – All Age Service
- \* **Sunday 8 September** - Children's Church will restart.

## Baby Massage classes

The next Baby Massage class will start on **Monday 9 September** in the Centre at 1.00-2.30pm. The five-week course costs £30, with £5 off if you book with a friend. It's open to anyone with a baby under one. Please contact Priscilla on 07984 626637 for more details.



## 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...

## Can you serve God and our community as a school governor?

Jim is looking for church members who might be interested in becoming a governor at the Blue Coat Schools and possibly other schools. This is something that is an important part of our mission and requires commitment in terms of time and effort. If you would like to know more about what it involves there is a helpful webpage:

<https://www.ldbe.co.uk/about/foundation-governors/>. Please also speak to Jim or one of the many other school governors in our church if you think this might be a way for you to serve God and the local community.

With joy we can announce the 7th-year Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of Amb & Mrs Chukwudi Madu MNIS – will be held on **Sunday 20 July 2024** at St Matthew's Church!



### **Prayer Ministry over summer**

Because a lot of folk are away over summer, Prayer Ministry will only take place during the 10.45am Holy Communion Services on **18 August**, but will restart as soon as possible in September. However, the Prayer Ministry team are urgently looking for volunteers to join this very important ministry group. Are you interested? Can you help? If you would like to know more, then let Rev Jim or Lorna Williams know.

### **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.

### **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.

## **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](mailto:stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com) or call 01922 685666 to find out more. Details are available on [www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk)

### **The Leprosy Mission are looking for trustees**

The Leprosy Mission Trustees bring a wealth of experience and expertise to support the governance and future direction of the organisation, and we are looking for new individuals to help in the role.



We are seeking to appoint a Chair Designate and a number of Trustees to join us, bringing expertise in either fundraising, finance, digital marketing / communications or charity governance. More details can be found at <https://www.leprosymission.org.uk/jobs/chair-designate-trustee/>

Joining our Board provides an excellent opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of people affected by leprosy and to gain valuable experience in being part of a forward-thinking team of Trustees. Please consider joining our board and making a real difference!

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