

St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin
Sundays 28 July, 4 August & 11 August 2024

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

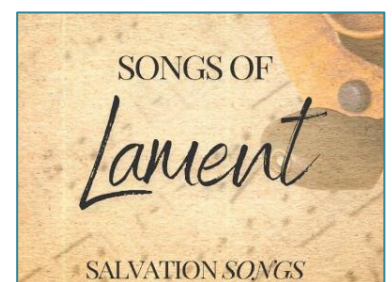
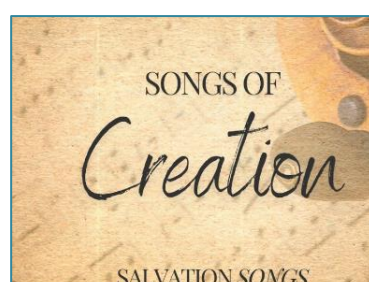
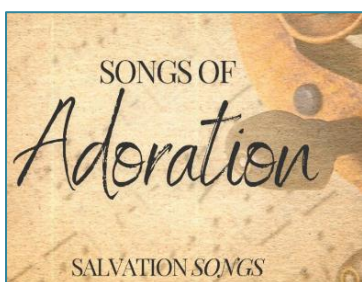
Please note that the next bulletin will be on Sunday 18 August, due to staff holidays

Sun 28 July	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise & Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
Mon 29 July	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
	2.00pm	- Wedding of Zoe Edwards and Dale Woodfield
Tues 30 July	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 31 July	10.00am	- Bible Study
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 1 Aug	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 2 Aug	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
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Sun 4 Aug	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
Mon 5 Aug	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
Tues 6 Aug	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 7 Aug	10.00am	- Bible Study
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 8 Aug	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 9 Aug	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	6.00pm	- Wedding Rehearsal of Sally-Anne Cowley and Thomas Greatrex

Sat 10 Aug	1.00pm	- Wedding of Sally-Anne Cowley and Thomas Greatrex
Sun 11 Aug	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
Mon 12 Aug	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
Tues 13 Aug	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 14 Aug	10.00am	- Bible Study
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 15 Aug	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	6.00pm	- Wedding Rehearsal for Stacey Webb and Ashley McDonough
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 16 Aug	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
Sat 17 Aug	3.00pm	- 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's friend, Marian Batten, who has to have a dangerous operation in a few weeks. Please also continue to pray for Graham Taylor, John Edlin, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard, Heather Samuels and Anne Tolley in your thoughts and prayers.



10.45am Service

Over the next three weeks, the topic that we shall explore in the Sunday services is that of 'Salvation songs'. On **28 July** it is 'Adoration', on **4 August** 'Creation', and on **11 August** 'Lament'. Please join us for the thoughts and poetry that these will create in all of us.

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 for during the talk
- * **Sunday 1 September** – All Age Service
- * **Sunday 8 September** - Children's Church will restart.

Eat out with us!

Join folk from St Matthew's for a bite to eat each month. The next gathering will be at noon on **Friday 9 August** to go to Farmer John's, 251 Aldridge Road, Streetly B74 2DX. Contact Brenda on 07792 938126 to book a place.

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 church, 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



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Church breakfast

All are also welcome to our friendly breakfast group at Court House Wetherspoons, Walsall Town Centre, on **Saturday 17 August**. The best destination for good conversation, laughs and lots of food! Call Neal 07717 192513 for information, or just turn up 8.30am onwards.

School's out and summer is here!

- Are you worried about how to keep the children entertained and put food on the table? Here are some things that might help:
- St Matthew's Church, WS1 3DG: **Saturday 31 August** 9.30-11am, Children's Summer Social for children of all ages, with breakfast, crafts, games, etc.
- St John's Church, Pleck, WS2 9TR: **21, 22 & 23 August** drop in 11.30am-2pm, Holiday Lunch Club with food, table tennis, crafts, etc.
- St John's Methodist Church, Bloxwich, WS3 3HS: **Wednesdays 31 July & 14 August**, drop in from 10am-2pm, Summer Craft Days with activities for adults and children
- Walsall Methodist Central Hall, WS1 2EQ: **Fridays 9 & 30 August**, Family Crafts
- St Luke's Church, Chuckery, WS1 2JN: they plan a Lunch Club one Friday in August
- There are also Warm Welcome Spaces where all are welcome at Walsall Methodist Central Hall every Wednesday and Friday, and at St Matthew's every Tuesday.

And check the the Walsall Council website for their Holiday Activities & Food Programme, and there are activities at the Art Gallery, Leather Museum, Library and Arboretum.



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.

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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.

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 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 ...

Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends and family.

We can't wait to see you there!



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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) for:

- 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!

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 see: <https://www.ldbe.co.uk/about/foundation-governors/>, or speak to Jim or one of the many other school governors in our church to find out more.

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.

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

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