

St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 15 September 2024

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

What's on this week

Sun 15 Sept	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise and Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 16 Sept	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	- Baby Massage (Centre)
Tues 17 Sept	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 18 Sept	10.00am	- Bible Study
	11.30am	- School Leavers' Service (MPQ)
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Guitar Circle
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)	
Thurs 19 Sept	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.15pm	- Funeral of Fitzgerald Alleyne
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 20 Sept	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
Sat 21 Sept	2.00pm	- Angela Sones Organ Recital
<u>Further ahead</u>		
28 Sept		- Walsall Young Adults Neighbours and Nations Night
1 Oct		- Funeral of Terry Lloyd
6 Oct		- All Age Harvest Service
12 Oct		- Guides and Rangers Tea Party (Centre)

15 Oct

- Service for Rt Revd Tim Wambunya,
Bishop of Wolverhampton

17 Oct

- Blue Coat Federation Harvest Service

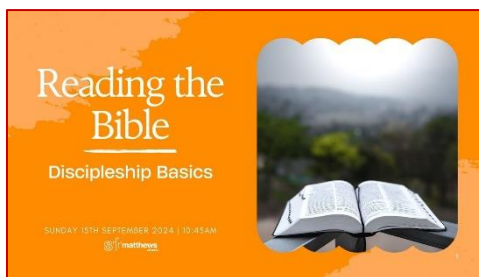
19 Oct

- Great Barr Brass Concert

September's Prayer Diary – available at <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/resources/>

Prayer requests – Please pray for Foxx Charvis-Ward who, at only five years old, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer, which has spread to her lungs, and who is currently in hospital. She is about to undergo gruelling chemo and radiotherapies, and she and her family are in need of all our thoughts and prayers.

Please also continue to pray for the family and friends of Terry Lloyd and Mr Fitzgerald Alleyne, as well as Graham Taylor, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard, Heather Samuels and Anne Tolley.



10.45am Service

On **Sunday 15 September** Rev Jim will continue with part two of the 'Discipleship Basics' series, focussing on 'Reading the Bible'. Think you know how to read the Bible? You might be surprised!

Any Questions? comes to St Matthew's

This BBC Radio 4 flagship political debate program is broadcast live at 8pm each Friday. On **Friday 11 October**, St Matthew's is the chosen venue – an event which will draw national attention to Walsall and its Parish Church. The show will be hosted by Alex Forsyth and will feature four prominent figures who will answer audience questions without preparation and unscripted.

To ensure this major event goes ahead smoothly, I will need a good deal of support as we host many visitors. There are specific roles that need to be filled but, in addition, we shall need general help with furniture moving, welcoming, car parking, security and support for those with special access requirements. I would also like to be able to offer tea and coffee afterwards, as we would when hosting other large events. And it would be great if you were able to be part of the audience, so get the date in your diary and prepare a question! (Ticket information next week.) Please let John Edlin or a warden know if you can offer help from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

Foodbank

Our local Black Country Food bank are running very short of a lot of items. The kind of things they would like include: tins, beans, veg, soup, puddings, meat, fish, ready meals, UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, biscuits, and flavoured noodles.

Donations can be placed weekly in the box in Church by the "Giving Station" at the back of the Church.

Anything we can give will be a great help.

Guitar Circle

Ever wanted to play church songs on your own guitar? Fancy playing in the music team but not sure you're ready? Well, worry not! Instead, join our brand-new Guitar Circle.

We meet in the Church every week 6.30pm-8pm, starting **Weds 18 Sept**, to learn together, share skills, practise songs from Sunday and develop our talents in a friendly setting with experienced musicians. Bring your guitar and yourself, and get stuck in.



Parking at the Church

Please remember that you cannot park on the double yellow lines on St Matthew's Close, unless you have a suitable Blue Badge displayed. If you do, you may well get a parking ticket from Walsall Council as it is not land that is owned by St Matthew's and they do patrol it every day, including Sundays.

Are you hungry for food and company in the morning?

The next church breakfast gathering will be at the Court House Wetherspoons, Walsall, on **Saturday 21 September**. The best destination for good conversation, laughs and lots of food! Call Neal 07717 192513 for information, or just turn up 8.30am onwards.

Baptisms and Affirmations of faith by immersion

We will be holding baptisms and affirmations of faith at the morning service on **Sunday 13 October**. If anyone would like to be baptised or reaffirm their faith, please speak to Jim.

Calling for foodbank volunteers

We need a couple more people to be involved in a monthly rota to take the St Matthew's foodbank donations to the Black Country Foodbank. It usually amounts to between one and three carrier bags so isn't too much to carry. Please let Rev Jim know if you can help.

Service for Rt Revd Dr Tim Wambunya, new Bishop of Wolverhampton

Bishop Tim has met some Walsall clergy over a lunch and spent some time getting to know the area and deanery. He will be taking up his new position in mid October, and will be enshrined at St Matthew's Church on **15 October 2024** at 7.00pm.



A joyous evening of song and prayer!

Plugged in is an evening of sung worship and prayer on **Thursday 19 September** from 8-10pm. Come and join in at WCC Community Room (Lower Hall Lane entrance), The Table, 33 Lower Hall Lane, Walsall WS1 1RR. It promises to be fantastic!

14th WALSALL (ST MATTHEW'S) GUIDES CENTENARY REUNION

Saturday 12th October - 2.00pm to 5.00pm at St Matthew's Centre

St Matthew's Guide Unit was founded in 1924 and to celebrate our 100th birthday, we're holding a **Reunion** for **all Guides, Rangers, Brownies, Leaders, Helpers, past and present**, and the friends and families who have supported the unit over the years.

Please pass this invitation on to your friends and families so we can make contact with as many people as possible. It would be helpful to have approximate numbers for refreshments. Please confirm your attendance with Janet (jan.kempson@btinternet.com) or leave a message with the church office (01922 626039). Please bring any old photos and memorabilia.

Dementia-friendly church events

Around the local area there are lots of opportunities to share experiences about living with and supporting those who live with dementia across our dementia-friendly churches group:

- A dementia-friendly harvest service in Lichfield Cathedral **Mon 23 Sept** at 10.45am
- A service on **Sunday 29 Sept** at 10.30am with a dementia focus, *Welcoming, Connecting, Friendly*, at Holy Trinity, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Telford,
- An afternoon of dementia-friendly church training on **Saturday 12 Oct** 2-4.30pm at Pattingham Village Hall, WV6 7BB.

The Autumn concert season at St Matthew's is about to begin – all tickets £5!

Book your tickets now at www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/events.

- * **Sat 21 Sept** - *Organ recital with Angela Sones*: We're thrilled to include Angela in our programme this year. In addition to her regular organist duties, she teaches locally to help develop the next generation of organists.
- * **Sat 19 Oct** - *Great Barr Brass*: GBB are a community brass band from North Birmingham. They rehearse weekly and give frequent concerts to local audiences. Our own Director of Music is their conductor, funded by the church itself.
- * **Date tbc** - *National Flute Orchestra*: The National Flute Orchestra features players of every size of flute you could imagine, including frankly enormous instruments that tower over the players. Want to find out more? Get a ticket and join us on the night!

Wider Church & Local News

Installing the Dean of Lichfield

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane will be installed as the next (and first female) Dean of Lichfield at Lichfield Cathedral on **Saturday 21 September** at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please email to let us know to: RSVP@lichfield-cathedral.org.



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