

St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 22 September 2024

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

What's on this week

Sun 22 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 23 Sept	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
	1.00pm	- Baby Massage (Centre)
Tues 24 Sept	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 25 Sept	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club
	6.30pm	- Guitar Circle
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 26 Sept	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 27 Sept	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
Sat 28 Sept	9.00am	- First Aid Training (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Neighbours and Nations: Young Adults' Night

Further ahead

1 Oct	- Funeral of Terry Lloyd
6 Oct	- All Age Harvest Service
11 Oct	- BBC Radio 4: <i>Any Questions?</i>
12 Oct	- Guides and Rangers Centenary Party (Centre)
13 Oct	- Baptisms and Affirmations of Faith by Immersion

- 15 Oct** - Service for Rt Revd Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton
- 17 Oct** - Blue Coat Federation Junior Harvest Service
- 19 Oct** - Great Barr Brass Concert

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

Prayer requests – We ask for continued prayers for all those in need, in particular Foxx Charvis-Ward and her family and friends, as well as Graham Taylor, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard, Heather Samuels and Anne Tolley.



10.45am Service

It is the third in our Discipleship series this **Sunday 22 Sept**, **when we look more closely at 'Giving'**! As ever, this service will be livestreamed for those who can't attend in person, or who wish to see it again at their leisure.

St Matthew's Annual Giving Meeting

Every year St Matthew's Church aim to give away 10% of our planned giving to overseas and home charities. There is a meeting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 3 October** in the Centre to discuss where this year's allocation will be sent. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. If you would like to suggest a charity we should support this year, please send the details of it to Rev Jim by Monday 30 September in order for him to do the required due diligence.

Any Questions? is coming to St Matthew's

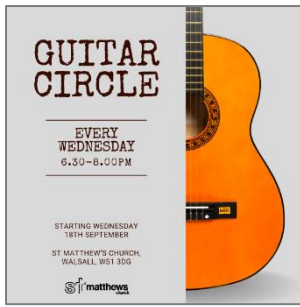
This BBC Radio 4 flagship political debate program is broadcast live at 8pm each Friday. On **Friday 11 October**, St Matthew's is the chosen venue – an event which will draw national attention to Walsall and its Parish Church. The show will be hosted by Alex Forsyth and will feature four prominent figures 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 to follow.) 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 is running very short of a lot of items. The kind of things they would like includes: 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 meeting every **Wednesday** from 6.30pm-8pm, 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.

Neighbours and Nations: Young Adults' Night

Come and worship with other young adults and be encouraged in your faith! 'Neighbours and Nations' is a group of young missionaries travelling the UK, inviting others to live all-in for Jesus and join in an awakening in the young generation and nation. This exciting event will be at 7pm on **Saturday 28 September** in St Matthew's Church.

**NEIGHBOURS
& NATIONS**

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.

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.

Guides and Rangers Centenary Reunion

St Matthew's Guide Unit was founded in 1924 and to celebrate our 100th birthday, we're holding a reunion on **Saturday 12 October** from 2-5pm at the Centre. This is for all Guides, Rangers, Brownies, Leaders, Helpers, past and present, and the friends and families who have supported the unit over the years. Please bring any old photos and memorabilia. Please pass this invitation on to friends and families so we involve as many people as possible. RSVP to Janet (jan.kempson@btinternet.com) or leave a message at the office (01922 626039).

The Autumn concert season at St Matthew's is about to begin!

Book your tickets now at www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/events. All tickets are £5 – an incredible bargain!

- * **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 so we continue to enable community-based music making.

- * **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

Whole Church Worship – Walsall

Join us on **Saturday 19 October** to explore how all generations and backgrounds can worship and encounter God together. Be equipped with usable principles for connecting with different kinds of people and celebrating our differences as the body of Christ. Then be inspired by usable, adaptable worship resources for a range of settings. The workshop will be led by Sara & Sam Hargreaves, based on their recent resource *Whole Church Worship*.

The day is for anyone involved in leading all-age services: clergy, pastors, music teams, families workers and lay people. You'll get the most out of it if you can bring a team. Time: 9.45am (registration) for a 10.15am start – 3.30pm finish; lunch and refreshments will be provided within the £10 ticket price. Venue: St Martin's Church, 1 Daffodil Road, Walsall, WS5 3DQ. Info: <https://engageworship.org/events/whole-church-worship-walsall>

Brewood awakening

St Mary and St Chad Church Road Brewood ST19 9BT are holding the next 'Brewood Awakening' on **Friday 11 October** starting at 7.30pm. This event is a concert by Paul Field, who is a Christian singer and song writer, and during the evening Paul will talk about his life and faith. Paul appears all over the UK and Europe and we are really fortunate to have him in Brewood.

The concert is free to all and will appeal to a wide audience, refreshments will be served at the end of the evening.

Something for everyone!

The Diocesan Teaching and Training courses for Autumn 2024 have recently been published and are available in one booklet. If anyone is interested in what is available (and some are VERY good courses!), please speak to Rev Jim. If you want to look/book online, the details can be found via the link at the top of this page

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/vocations-and-training/training/>.

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