



## St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

**Sunday 29 September 2024**

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

### What's on this week

<b>Sun 29 Sept</b>	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- All Age Communion Service
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
<b>Mon 30 Sept</b>	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	- Baby Massage (Centre)
<b>Tues 1 Oct</b>	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	2.00pm	- Funeral of Terry Lloyd
	3.00pm	- After School Bell Ringing Club
<b>Weds 2 Oct</b>	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Guitar Circle
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
<b>Thurs 3 Oct</b>	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
	7.30pm	- St Matthew's Annual Giving Meeting (Centre)
<b>Fri 4 Oct</b>	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	7.30pm	- Signs for Worship Service (Centre)

### Further ahead

<b>6 Oct</b>	- All Age Harvest Service
<b>11 Oct</b>	- BBC Radio 4: <i>Any Questions?</i>
<b>12 Oct</b>	- 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
- 24 Oct** - Queen Mary's Grammar School Speech Day

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

**Prayer requests** – Please pray for healing for Iris Taylor, who has had a nasty scald which has blistered badly. Iris is having to go to the hospital every day to have wounds dressed. Also, thank you for your prayers for Iris' husband, Graham, whose wort was benign.

Please keep in your prayers 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**

On **Sunday 29 September**, we will be holding an All Age Communion service, and all are more than welcome. Please come and celebrate this wonderful service together with others.

**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.

**Talking of donation and charities...**

We will be having a special collection for "Embrace the Middle East" as part of our Harvest Festival on the first Sunday in October <https://embraceme.org/>. There will some envelopes for any donations in the Church.



We will also be collecting for Black Country Foodbank <https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/>



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.

## **Any Questions? is coming to St Matthew's**

This BBC Radio 4 flagship political debate program will be broadcast live from St Matthew's on **Friday 11 October** – drawing 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.

If you are able to offer help for this major event in some capacity, please let John Edlin or a warden know if you can help from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

**Any Questions? tickets now available!** Get them from [www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/bbc-any-questions](http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/bbc-any-questions)



## **Church Weekend Away - Save the date!**

Our next Weekend Away is less than four months away! We're heading to The Quinta Christian Centre in Oswestry from **Friday 10 to Sunday 12 January**.

There'll be more details on how to book in the next few weeks, but make sure you put it in your diary as a not-to-be missed event.

## **St Matthew's receives Environmental Award**

A project at St Matthew's Church, Walsall, came second in the National Green Church Awards 2024. The category was "Action on a Shoestring" where the budget for the whole project is less than £1,000. So well done to St Matthew's volunteers and Walsall Rotary Club whose combined efforts, together with invaluable advice from the Bumble Bee Conservation Trust, contributed to the achievement.



## **Eat out with us!**

Join the folk from St Matthew's for a bite to eat on **Friday 11 October**. We'll meet at Farmer John's, 251 Aldridge Road, Streetly B74 2DX at noon. Contact Brenda on 07792 938126 to book a place.

## **And talking of food...**

The next church breakfast gathering will be at the Court House Wetherspoons, Walsall, on **Saturday 19 October**. The best destination for good conversation, laughs and lots of food! Call Neal 07717 192513 for information, or just turn up 8.30am onwards.

## **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.

## **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 and share this invite 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 is well underway!

Go to [www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/events](http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/events) for all tickets (£5 for any concert).

- \* **Sat 19 Oct** - *Great Barr Brass*.
- \* **Date tbc** - *National Flute Orchestra*.

## Wider Church & Local News

### Whole Church Worship – Walsall

Join us on **Saturday 19 October**, 9.45am-3.30pm, 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*.



This is for anyone involved in leading all-age services: clergy, pastors, music teams, families workers and lay people. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: £10; 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.

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