

St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 6 October 2024

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

Please note that there will not be a newsletter next week, due to staff holidays

What's on this week

Sun 6 Oct	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- All Age Harvest Service
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 7 Oct	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
	1.00pm	- Baby Massage (Centre)
Tues 8 Oct	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	3.00pm	- After School Bell Ringing Club
Weds 9 Oct	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)
Thurs 10 Oct	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 11 Oct	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	6.30pm	- BBC Radio 4: <i>Any Questions?</i>
Sat 12 Oct	2.00pm	- Guides and Rangers Centenary Party (Centre)
Sun 13 Oct	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise and Children's Church with Baptisms and Affirmations of Faith by Immersion
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)

Mon 14 Oct	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
Tues 15 Oct	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	3.00pm	- After School Bell Ringing Club
	7.00pm	- Service for Rt Revd Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton
Weds 16 Oct	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Guitar Circle
	6.30pm	- Christmas Community Choir (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 17 Oct	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	10.30am	- Blue Coat Federation Junior Harvest Service
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 18 Oct	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
Sat 19 Oct	7.00pm	- Great Barr Brass Concert

Further ahead

24 Oct - Queen Mary's Grammar School Speech Day

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

Prayer requests – Please pray for Julie, that the Lord will send a sign to guide her and help soothe her anxieties.

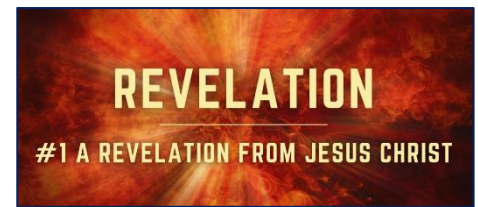
Please keep in your prayers Iris Taylor, Foxx Charvis-Ward and her family and friends, as well as Graham Taylor, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard, Heather Samuels and Anne Tolley.

10.45am Service



On **Sunday 6 October** is the service in celebration of the annual harvest, where we give thanks for all that the Lord provides on the fertile lands that we take for granted.

Then, on **Sunday 13 October**, we are starting a new theme of 'Revelation', opening with 'A revelation from Jesus Christ'. We will also be welcoming others into the church with baptisms and affirmations of faith by immersion!



Harvest service giving

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 be some envelopes for any donations in the Church. We will also be collecting for **Black Country Foodbank**. 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.

Gift Aid

If you are no longer pay income tax or if you have recently started paying it, please let Alyson Green know. For those who have started to pay it, there are gift aid forms at the back of the Church to fill in, if you wish the Church to claim back the tax.

Any Questions? is coming to St Matthew's

Any Questions? 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. Tickets from www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/bbc-any-questions



Church Weekend Away

Bookings for St Matthew's Weekend Away are NOW OPEN!

www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/weekend-away

We're super excited for our Church Weekend Away from **Friday 10 to Sunday 12 January 2025**. It will be a wonderful time to relax, to build friendships, and to get closer to God. The weekend is for the whole church: all ages, abilities and life-stages. We are staying in Quinta Hall, a 'handsome mansion' with 35 bedrooms, cosy lounges and a large meeting room. It is situated on a vast site with lakes, woodland, a sports hall and various activities on offer. Why not join us? Sign up now at www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/weekend-away

Eat out with us!

Join us 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.

The Autumn concert season is drawing to a close...

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

* **Sat 19 Oct** - *Great Barr Brass* and **date tbc** - *National Flute Orchestra*.

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

Bishop Tim 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.

★ As part of the honour of hosting this service, we would like to provide refreshments including suitable food for our guests, some who will have travelled a distance to be here. Please speak to Jim if you can help with this or would be prepared to organise this.

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. 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).

Wider Church & Local News

Wedding Fayre at St Michael's and All Angels, Pelsall

As part of the wedding weekend at St Michael's, there will be a wedding fayre from 10am to 4pm, being opened by Alex and Sue Tatham of *Blind Date!*

Bonfire at the Beacon

This year is Beacon Church's 60th anniversary and we are planning a 60th Birthday Community Bonfire Bash on **Saturday 9 November** between 4-8pm. It will be a community party to help us make with people across the area, and all are welcome!

Get involved with homelessness

Join the WMCA Homelessness Taskforce and Walsall Council at the Town Hall on **17 October** between 10am and 1pm to explore how we can work together on homelessness and how better to support people who are rough sleeping, living in temporary accommodation, sofa surfing or at risk of being evicted from their home. If you work in a voluntary, faith or community group and support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness then please come along to network, share your knowledge, and find out more about the support available across the borough.

Together for 24 – gather for a multigenerational evening

Let's gather together at the Black Country Church to celebrate what God is doing and imagine what is yet to come. On **16 November** from 4pm at the Bethel Convention Centre, there will be entertainment, street food and a makers' market (from 4-5pm) and the event from 5-8pm for inspiring stories, a worship band, gospel choir and so much more!

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