

St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 20 October 2024

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

What's on this week

Sun 20 Oct	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 21 Oct	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
	7.30pm	- Finance Committee (Centre)
Tues 22 Oct	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	10.00am	- Burial of Ashes of Jacqueline Dilkes
	3.00pm	- After School Bell Ringing Club
Weds 23 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 24 Oct	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	9.00am	- Queen Mary's Grammar School Speech Day
	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- University of Wolverhampton Nurses Graduation
Fri 25 Oct	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers

Further ahead

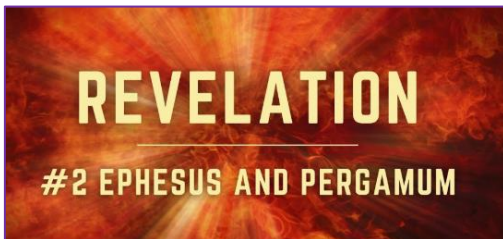
31 Oct	- Burial of Ashes of Barbara Pincher
6 Nov	- Funeral of Anne Tolley
8 Nov	- Signs for Worship Service (Centre)
14 Nov	- Blue Coat Academy Prize Evening

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

Prayer requests – We heard with great sadness that Anne Tolley died last week. Anne lived life to the full and made an amazing impact for good on so many people's lives, as well as with her dedicated involvement in the life of St Matthew's church. Her strong faith was an inspiration to all of us as she battled with her cancer over recent years. Please pray for Mike, their children James and Louise, and for their family.

Please pray for Rosemarie Burgess as she and her family remember and miss her mother and father still. May God watch over them all.

Please keep in your prayers Iris Taylor, Foxx Charvis-Ward, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard and Heather Samuels.



10.45am Service

On **Sunday 20 October** we continue the Revelations series with Ephesus and Pergamum, plus share Holy Communion together. Do join us on our YouTube channel if you can't make it in person.

Bishop Tim's inauguration

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, food and support to the inauguration service on Tuesday 15 October. It went so well and the feedback from across the Diocese has been lovely – all thanks you, a great team!

Time to practise a song for Sunday

The All Together Song on Sunday is by our very own Andy Clayton. *Give thanks and bless the Lord*, together with its accompanying actions demonstrated by the fun-loving Signs for Worship team can be seen at <https://youtu.be/ABJo865uFEA?feature=shared>. Watch, listen, learn and join in on Sunday!

Apollo Academy Youth Orchestra

Join us for our final concert of the year on **Saturday 16 November** at 7pm (a change to the programmed Flute Concert). Apollo Academy Youth Orchestra are based in Sutton Coldfield, meeting weekly in term time. The orchestra is run and managed by the section leaders, under the supervision of Paul Ecclestone-Brown and the Apollo music team. The charity also offers performing arts activities, provides musicians to play short recitals in local hospital venues and works with dozens of developing musicians on a regular basis.

After an astonishing debut last November at St Matthew's with Beethoven's *7th Symphony* in the programme, this year they bring Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances* and *Night on a Bare Mountain* by Mussorgsky. A must-see for supporters of young musicians and live classical music. Tickets are £5, available via www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/events

Baptism by immersion

It was a wonderful experience sharing the baptisms by immersion on 13 October, but there was a slight glitch in the live broadcast which means some people might have missed the baptisms/affirmations. However, the whole service including those can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@stmatthewswalsall/videos>, so please visit the link to view the day.

Countdown to Christmas: Advent Family Breakfast at St Matthew's!

Join us **Saturday 30 November** at 9.30am as we kick off the Advent season together! No need to book, just come along for a morning filled with crafts, games, music, and a delicious breakfast.

Bring the whole family to celebrate the start of this special time of year in a fun and festive atmosphere! Let's begin the journey to Christmas together—see you there!



Afresh - new songs night

Join us for an evening of new songs for the church, from the church on **Saturday 30 November** at 7pm. Local songwriters, including Phil Wilks and Andrew Clayton, present their works along with fresh songs from Resound Worship and material developed in this year's '12 Song

Challenge'. St Matthew's has committed to use some of these new songs the following day at their 10.45 and Evening services.

Church music comes in many forms, from Psalms and the early hymns through to Isaac Watts 350 years ago and the latest worship anthems from today's popular songwriters. In the local church, too, songwriters are creating new material to help us worship God and engage with His glory and goodness.

Contributions to the evening are welcome, as are volunteers to join the band for the night. Email andrew@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk for more information. The event is free to attend.

Join St Matthew's Christmas Choir!

Rehearsals are every **Wednesday** at 6.30pm in the Church Centre, and we'd love to have you! Whether you're a seasoned singer or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome to join in the festive fun.

We'll provide the music, so just bring your enthusiasm!

We're preparing for some beautiful performances:

- Civic Carols Service: **8 December**
- Church Carols Services: **8 & 2 December**

Let's make this Christmas season extra special! Come along on Wednesday and help us spread the good news of Christmas!



And talking of carols...

Our annual 'Carols in Pubs' will take place:

- Wednesday 11 December 8pm, Wheatsheaf
- Monday 16 December 8pm, Black Country Arms.



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

Wider Church & Local News

Vacancy in See

Following the recent Diocesan Synod elections, there is a need to elect a new 'Vacancy in See' committee. Any lay person on an electoral roll is eligible to stand, as are all beneficed or licensed clergy, and Walsall Archdeaconry is looking for two lay representatives. Anyone wishing to stand will need to be proposed and seconded by a Diocesan Synod member of the relevant house. If any person wishing to stand needs to ask any questions about this please get in touch with jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org

Street Teams is also looking for a Project Worker

Street Teams is a local Walsall charity that works with young people ages 8-25 (not specific) and communities affected by Child Sexual Exploitation. They are looking for a full-time worker, with a salary of £26-£28k per annum. For more details, contact emma.hyde@street-teams.org or call her on 07749 955876 or 01922 621208

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!

Together for 24 – gather for a multigenerational evening – FREE ENTRY

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!

You can also grab tickets for the 2025 Together Festival, with a **one night only special price** exclusively to those there between 4pm and 9pm. (Go past the Street Food and the Christmas Makers' Market to the Love Black Country stand and scan the QR code for info.)

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