



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 27 October 2024

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

What's on this week

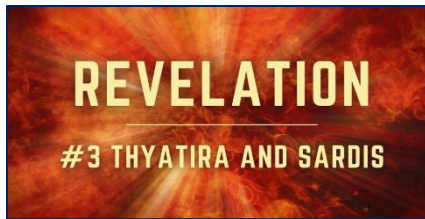
Clocks change!

Remember that the clocks will go back one hour in the early hours of Sunday 27 October.

Sun 27 Oct	8.45am	- Parish Communion with Baptism of Christopher O'Brien
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise and Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	5.00pm	- Peal event
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 28 Oct	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
Tues 29 Oct	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	3.00pm	- After School Bell Ringing Club
Weds 30 Oct	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Guitar Circle (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Christmas Community Choir (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
Thurs 31 Oct	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.00pm	- Barbara Pincher Burial of Ashes
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 1 Nov	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
<u>Further ahead</u>		
6 Nov		- Funeral of Anne Tolley
8 Nov		- Signs for Worship Service (Centre)
14 Nov		- Blue Coat Academy Prize Evening
16 Nov		- Apollo Academy Youth Orchestra
23 Nov		- Blessing of the wedding of Abbi Smith and Ryan Chaunkria

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

Prayer requests – Please pray for Joan Cartridge's niece, Diane, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. Please also continue to pray for: Mike, James and Louise Tolley, Rosemarie Burgess, Iris Taylor, Foxx Charvis-Ward, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard and Heather Samuels.



10.45am Service

On **Sunday 27 October** we will be reflecting on Thyatira and Sardis as part of our journey through Revelation. We'd love to see you in Church, but the service can always be seen or reseen on YouTube!

Tribute to Anne Tolley

If you wish to leave a tribute for the much-missed Anne, there is a web page <https://annetolley.muchloved.com/> where you can do so. You can also leave a donation to charities that were close to Anne's heart here.

Anne's funeral service and celebration of her life fully lived will be held at St Matthew's on **Wednesday 6 November** at 1pm.

Year 6 families secondary school place preferences deadline reminder

All Year 6 families submit their secondary school preferences by **31 October**. You will know that your preferences have been successfully submitted if you have received a confirmation email from the Council. If you miss this deadline the local authority will offer your child a secondary school that has a place available. This will almost certainly not be at the school you want your child to go to. **Do not miss the deadline** if you want to secure the secondary school place you want for your child.

And if you want a "faith" place at Blue Coat Academy, you will also need to complete a faith form from <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/Blue%20Coat%20CE%20Supplementary%20Form.pdf>



Apollo Academy Youth Orchestra – only £5

Join us for our final concert of the year on **Saturday 16 November** at 7pm. AAYO 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 year at St Matthew's with the *7th Symphony* by Beethoven, this year they bring Borodin's *Polovtsian*

Dances and *Night on a Bare Mountain* by Mussorgsky. Tickets on the door or from www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/events

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.

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 extra special! Come and help 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

Get creative!

RicNic are running four exciting, free workshops in Walsall (mostly) at the Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall, alongside a final show day/event celebrating the work!

- **Choir Workshop:** A friendly, inclusive session for all ages, covering a mix of pop, musical theatre, and world music. It's perfect for anyone who's ever wanted to try singing with a choir, no matter their experience. **9 Nov** 1-3pm (Willenhall Chart Centre); **18 Nov** 6-8pm (Manor Farm Community Centre); **25 Nov** 6-8pm (St John's Methodist Church Centre)
- **Creative Writing (for the Stage):** Open to those aged 11 and above, we're inviting budding writers to turn local stories into stage plays! **6 and 13 Dec**, 5-6.30pm
- **Dance Troupe:** Join our lively dance troupe and express yourself through a mix of styles, from contemporary to street dance! Perfect for dancers of all levels—come be part of something exciting! **25 and 19 Nov**, and **3 Dec** 5-7pm
- **Play in a Day:** Ready for a challenge? In just one day, you'll work with a team to create and perform a whole play! It's fast-paced, fun, and a great way to try out acting, directing, or backstage roles—all in a single day! **Sat 4 Jan** 10am-3pm

For more info, email contact@ricnic.org.uk

Bereavement journey

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss? Then join us for this six-session course being run by the Hidden River Methodist Circuit.

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- Adjusting to change
- Coping with others' reactions
- The impact and pain of bereavement
- Anger and guilt
- Moving on healthily

Each session involves two short filmed talks followed by the opportunity to share in conversation. We meet Aldridge Methodist Church, Anchor Road, Walsall WS9 8PT on Monday afternoons 2-4pm on **4, 11, 18, 25 November; 2 and 9 December** with an optional faith session on **16 December**. If you would like more information or would like to book a place: Email: bereavementjourneywalsall@gmail.com or call Bev Boden on 07970 808819

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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