

St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 17 November 2024

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

What's on this week

Sun 17 Nov	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise (Holy Communion) and Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 18 Nov	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
Tues 19 Nov	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	3.00pm	- After School Bell Ringing Club
Weds 20 Nov	10.00am	- Bible Study
	2.00pm	- Funeral of Mrs Joyce Holland
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Guitar Circle (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Christmas Community Choir (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 21 Nov	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	1.00pm	- Caldmore Primary School Visit
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 22 Nov	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
Sat 23 Nov	1.00pm	- Wedding Thanksgiving for Abbi Smith and Ryan Chaunkria

Further ahead

24 Nov

- Baptisms of Stephen and Theodore Pitt

6 Dec

- Signs for Worship Service (Centre)

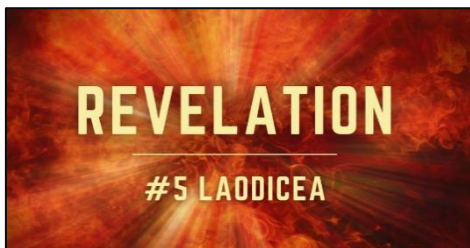
8 Dec

- Civic Carol Service

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

Prayer requests – Please pray for Martin Bull (Priscilla's father) who fell and broke his hip, which needs an operation. Please also pray for Angela, his wife, and for Jim and Priscilla as they support them both.

Please continue to pray for Foxx Charvis Ward Joan Cartridge's niece, Diane, Mike, James and Louise Tolley, Rosemarie Burgess, Iris Taylor, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard and Heather Samuels.



10.45am Service

On **Sunday 17 November**, Izzy Butterfield will be looking at 'Laodicea: Over-confident arrogance', as part of this service series. Fascinating and insightful, don't miss it!

Support a St Matthew's young leader!

Paulinho (João) Cariata, who attended St Matthew's until he went to university in Leicester, has begun a gap year placement as the Youth and Kids' Worker for his church. It's part of the New Wine Ministry Experience Scheme, and as Paulinho's sending church, we want to support him. His placement is full time, but unpaid. He receives board and lodging. He needs £100 per month for life's other costs, and we want to support him with that!

Could you sponsor Paulinho a small amount each month, enabling a young Christian from our church to learn and grow in ministry? If so, please set up a standing order (or one-time transaction) to:

Joao Cariata

Sort code: 30-99-06

Account Number: 44492368

Thank you! We'll update you with how he's getting on in Sunday services!

Apollo Academy Youth Orchestra – only £5

Last call for our final, magnificent concert of the year on **Saturday 16 November** at 7pm. 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 hospitals and works with many developing musicians on a regular basis. They will play 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.

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

Street Teams is seeking 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

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! See next page for details.

- **Choir Workshop:** A mix of pop, musical theatre and world music. **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! **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 or visit <https://ricnic.org.uk/events/>

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

Let's gather together at the Black Country Church to celebrate what God is doing and imagine what is yet to come. On **Saturday 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!



Ruth Hopper has put together actions for one of the worship songs we'll be singing together so learn the moves and hear a sneak preview of the Together Band's rehearsal of *Praise* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DjQvckdt3Q>

Together 24 and Movement

Together for 24 is just one night, but on **6 December** we're gathering young people at **Movement** - another night of praise and worship just for young people, and you can just turn up at Bethel Convention Centre on the day. To support the Together Movement, get your church involved, and tell your friends and family and church Leaders...

Lichfield for singing

Are you a singer aged 13-19? Would you like to expand your horizons, learn new techniques, meet other like-minded people and develop your skills to a higher level? If so, don't miss this amazing opportunity to join in a new choral course created in partnership between Lichfield Cathedral and The Gesualdo Six.

The event is on **Saturday 11 January 2025** but you must book online before **2 December**; early applications are recommended, as places are limited! Visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/singing to apply. Cost is £85 per participant (including lunch and refreshments) and the day includes smaller group sessions and chance to learn about careers in the music industry. For any enquiries, contact us at singing@lichfield-cathedral.org

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