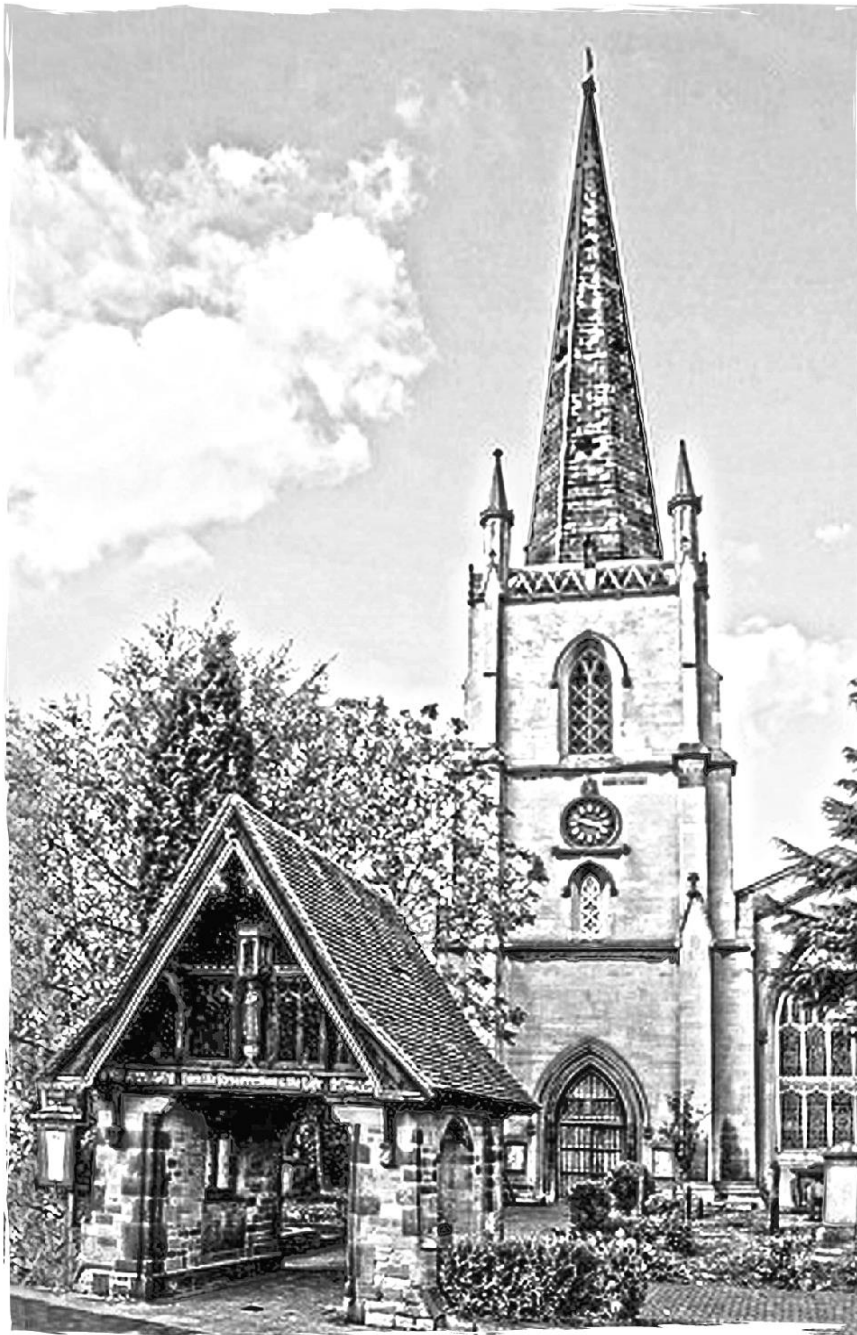


St matthews church

Prayer Diary



February 2025



*St Matthew's Church – **Worshipping** God; **Equipping** his people;
Growing his kingdom; **Serving** Walsall*

*“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.”*

(Ephesians 4:2)

Saturday 1st February

For our families

Lord Jesus, today we give thanks to you, Lord, for our families. You were born into a family in Galilee and will have experienced the security of living in a loving and supportive family. Help us to appreciate the love that we receive from our grandparents, parents, and children, who, like you, will love us whatever we do. We thank you that they are there when we have to cope with disappointment but are also there to share in our successes. We ask you to be with all those who are alone and separated from their families. Help them not to feel isolated and to find the support and love they may be seeking in you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Sandymount Road.

Sunday 2nd February

Alpha course & young ringers quarter peal

Dear Father, as our Alpha course meets today, we pray for all those who attend and run this course. Please be with all the leaders as they seek to teach others more about you. We pray that new people will join the course and that they will find the answers they are seeking and that their lives will be enriched by coming to know you better. We also ask you to watch over all the young ringers as they carry out the quarter peal today. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Emery Street.

Monday 3rd February

Psalm 103 vs 8 - 12

The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry and full of constant love. He does not keep on rebuking; he is not angry forever. He does not punish us as we deserve or repay us according to our sins and wrongs. As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is his love for those who honour him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Emery Close.

Tuesday 4th February

Blue Coat Academy assembly

Dear Father, we thank you for all our Blue Coat schools and for the huge contribution they make to the life of our church. We ask you to watch over all those attending today's assembly, be with them, help them to listen, understand and take away in their hearts the feeling of how much they are loved and supported by you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of The Pines.

Wednesday 5th February

Bible study

Heavenly Father, we pray for our bible study group. Your words hold such reassurance and hope to all of us, so help us to understand the passages we read and to find comfort in the knowledge that you are always with us in good times and especially in the difficult ones. We ask that your presence be felt by all who attend. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Lysways Street and The Seasons.

Thursday 6th February

OWLS

Heavenly Father, we pray that with your help this fellowship group will continue to flourish. We thank you for the love and support that this group provides for any that are lonely. If there are other people in our community who would benefit from attending, please guide us to them so that we can invite them to attend and so show them the same love and care that YOU show to us. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, All Saint's, Holy Ascension, St James' and St Thomas' Churches.

Friday 7th February

Junction 10 Youth Group & Signs for Worship

Lord Jesus, we thank you for all the young people in our parish, for their energy and enthusiasm for life. We pray that many will attend this club as it seeks to provide a safe place for our young people to meet and enjoy spending time together. We thank you for all the youth workers and pray that the evening will be a success and that everyone will have a great time. We also ask you to watch over all the dedicated members of our Signs for Worship group. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of New Hall Street.

Saturday 8th February

Heroes Tuition

Heavenly Father, we thank you that many groups and societies are now using our Church Centre as a place to meet. Today we are thinking about Heroes Tuition, who educate those outside mainstream education. We pray that they will be successful in our building and by bringing their learning opportunities within our community, provide help and support to all those wishing to achieve. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Orlando Close.

Sunday 9th February

Remembering Service

Loving Father, we thank you for the lives of all those people who are being remembered today. Help those present to celebrate those lives but also to feel your support and hope for the future. Your words hold such reassurance and hope to all of us, so help us to find comfort in the knowledge that you are always with us in good times and especially in the difficult ones. Please be with all that attend this service and give them the strength to trust in your love. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bath Street.

Monday 10th February

Leadership Team meeting

Father, as this newly formed Leadership Team meet, we pray for your guiding presence be with them. May the different skills of each of these members be a strength in their decision making in leading St Matthew's Church forward during the coming year. Bless them and encourage them in their commitment. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hanch Place.

Tuesday 11th February

Church staff

Father, we give thanks for all the people who are employed by St Matthew's Church. Whether it is working in administration, with our children or the music worship. They each give their services with a commitment above their paid role. May they feel your loving and guiding arm around them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Dandy's Walk.

Wednesday 12th February

JAM

Dear Lord, we pray today for all these children and leaders that attend this after school club, Jesus And Me. During their meetings, the children learn about you through hearing stories from the Bible, playing games and craft activities. Help them to realise how much you love them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Barleyfields Road.

Thursday 13th February

Blue Coat Trustees Meeting & Funeral of John Westwood

Lord of all, we pray for your guidance as the Trustees of the Blue Coat Foundation meet today. As they make decisions that supports the work of the schools and the upkeep of the buildings and grounds, may the Christian message be at the heart. Amen.

We pray for the family and friends of John Westwood as they attend his funeral today. May they find your peace as John has. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, St John's Church, Walsall Wood.

Friday 14th February

Street ministry

Loving Father, we are grateful that a team can be in the centre of Walsall each Friday evening sharing your love with those who stop for a hot drink, a snack and a chat. Thank you for the new team members, Sacha, Sean and Jared, who bring a caring, warm and humorous atmosphere to the evening. May those we encounter remember the invitation to know you, Lord. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hope Street.

Saturday 15th February

Revd Prebendary Jim Trood

As Revd Jim takes on more responsibilities within the Diocese of Lichfield, Father, we pray for his health and spiritual wellbeing. May there be opportunities for you to use his skills in preaching and a leadership vision of church development in the greater area. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of St Michael's Street.

Sunday 16th February

The Asian congregation

Dear Father, as we meet together today, let all that we do, all that we say and all that we think be about you. We pray especially for Adil and everyone who worships as part of our Asian congregation. We give thanks for their witness, and ask you will guide them in their ministry and the work you want them to do. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bath Road.

Monday 17th February

NHS

As the NHS Health Check Group meets in the Centre, we give thanks for all in Walsall who work so hard to care for the elderly, the sick and the injured, remembering especially the doctors and nurses in The Manor Hospital. Please support them in their work, and help them to continue to care with love, compassion and skill. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Little London.

Tuesday 18th February

Walsall Council

Dear Lord, please be with all who work at our Council. Please guide the staff and Councillors in their decision-making, and may they all strive to do their duties in a fair and just manner for the good of all. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Sandwell Street.

Wednesday 19th February

Guitar Circle & Community Choir

It is wonderful that these groups can meet in the Centre. May they be times of enjoyment, fun and fellowship for all involved, as they explore your marvellous gift of music. Thank you for the dedication and commitment of Andy as he leads them, and thank you for the blessings he brings to our church through his gifts and talents. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of West Bromwich Street.

Thursday 20th February

Narcotics Anonymous

We thank you for this group as it meets in the Centre, for those who run it, and for those who are brave enough to come along. Please, Lord, move in the lives of any who suffer from this or any other form of addiction, so they may be able to pass out of the grip in which they are held and see a hope for the future. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, St Martin's Church.

Friday 21st February

The Vine Trust (formerly The Vine)

Thank you, Lord, for the tireless work of The Vine Trust in our town. Over the years it has been such a beacon of hope for so many young people in Walsall. We pray that you bless the CEO, Kevin Davis, and all involved in the work of that charity as they maintain a Christian presence on the governing boards of so many of our schools. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Green.

Saturday 22nd February

NOAD

We pray for the charity we support in Pakistan, called NOAD. Its staff and volunteers are working in such difficult, difficult circumstances, but their faith means they continue to share your love to anyone they can and in any way they can. We ask you protect them and keep them safe from all the dangers they face, and may they always feel your protection around them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Road.

Sunday 23rd February

Children's Church

Dear Father, thank you for all the children in our church: for their liveliness, for their enthusiasm, and for their faith. Please bless those who teach them in Children's Church each Sunday. May their time together be one of fun, of love and of blessings as they get to know you better. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Grove Terrace.

Monday 24th February

Blue Coat Festival week

Father God, all this festival week we celebrate the work of the Blue Coat schools. The schools have a rich and diverse student and staff population, and their many gifts are shown in the festival displays. We pray that all those who see the exhibition will learn more about our school and be drawn nearer to finding more about you. Amen.

Please pray for the children of Blue Coat schools and their staff.

Tuesday 25th February

Embark Training

Loving and faithful God, we pray for those who struggle with addiction and for those who have lost their homes and possessions through carelessness, recklessness or through some disaster; for those who rely on foodbanks, the homeless and those who are starving to death. Many feel the bottom has dropped out of their world; bring them hope and courage in their time of need. May the grace of Christ continue to hold them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hill Street.

Wednesday 26th February

Guides

Father God, we give you thanks for The Guide Association and the work of all its volunteer leaders, especially here at St Matthew's. Let them not be content to wait and see what will happen but give them determination to make the right things happen. Give them courage to stand for truth and justice in all they do. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Town Hill.

Thursday 27th February

Music Ministry Team rehearsals

Creator God, we pray for everyone involved in music ministry here at St Matthew's as they seek to lead our worship and praise during our many services and activities throughout the weeks, months and year. We give thanks for the time and endeavours in preparing for worship and learning new songs to give you glory. We give thanks for all those involved in online technology so those at home can be included in worship. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, St Luke's Church.

Friday 28th February

Forward into a new month

Loving God, as we move forward into a new month, with growing signs of spring on the horizon, let us think about how we can grow your Kingdom by being a witness for you. Embolden us to share our faith in our everyday lives. Touch our hearts, we pray, stir our imagination, rekindle our faith, renew our hope. And so may new dreams and new visions be born in our lives. God of hope, light a new flame in their hearts. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of New Street.