



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 22 March 2026

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

Sun 22 Mar 8.45am - Parish Communion
10.00am - Service Bell Ringing
10.45am - Morning Praise & Children's Church
1.00pm - Asian Congregation
6.30pm - The Alpha Course (Centre)

Mon 23 Mar

Tues 24 Mar 8.00am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly
10.00am - Places of Welcome
10.30am - Wolverhampton University Visit
7.30pm - Lent Talks (Centre)

Weds 25 Mar 10.00am - Bible Study (Prayer Chapel, Church)
3.30pm - JAM After School Club (Centre)
6.00pm - Guides (Centre)
6.30pm - Bell Ringing
7.30pm - Community Choir (Centre)

Thurs 26 Mar 9.30am - Stay and Play (Centre)
12.30pm - Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
12.00 - Memorial Service for Adam Morris
2.00pm - OWLs (Centre)
7.00pm - Music Ministry Team Rehearsal

Fri 27 Mar 9.00am - Blue Coat Federation Easter Service
1.30pm - Bell Ringing

Further ahead

30 Mar - Burial of Ashes of John Shipley
2 April - Maundy Thursday Communion Service
3 April - Good Friday Walk of Witness (Town Centre)
 - Good Friday Service
13 April - Burial of Ashes of Shane Harrison
 - Finance Committee Meeting (Centre)
14 April - Memory Café (Centre)

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

Prayer requests – Please continue to pray for the family and friends of Samuel Augustine, Rhoda Osinachi's daughter, Richard Hey-Smith, Maureen Platt, Poppy Russell, Iris Taylor, Michelle Whitehouse, Heather Samuels, Sue Webster and Iris Mallaband.



10.45am service

Please join us for Morning Praise and Children’s Church on **Sunday 22 March**. This is a wonderful time to share and celebrate our faith together, especially as we head into the Easter festival.

New: in-service translation and captions

We want our services at St Matthew’s to be accessible to everyone. Starting this week, we are launching Breeze Translate, a real-time translation service available every Sunday at our 10.45am service and other selected services.

Who is it for?

Multilingual members: Choose from over 200 languages to see the service translated instantly into your heart language.

English speakers: Use it as a personal subtitle service on your phone—perfect if you have difficulty hearing or simply prefer to read as you listen.

How it works:

1. Connect: Use your smartphone to scan the QR code (there are copies at the back of the church) or go to stmatthewswalsall.breezetranslate.com
2. Choose: Select your language from the list
3. Follow: Read the translation or subtitles in real-time as the service is spoken.



Tech support

Are you interested in sound and visuals? Have you watched a service on livestream and thought, “I could do that!”? Well, we are looking to train up some more ‘techie’s to help support the team with sound, visuals and livestream. A number of our younger team members have recently headed off to university or to travel, so we are looking to introduce the next generation... If you would like to learn new skills and add to your CV, then have a word with Rev Jim after a service!



He is risen!

Join us at St Matthew’s as we celebrate the hope and joy of Easter! Whether you’re a regular or new, you are so welcome.

2 April: Maundy Thursday (7pm)

3 April: Good Friday (Walk of Witness at 10am). Starting at 10.30am outside Poundland on Park Street. All are welcome to join us! Our speaker will be the Right Revd Dr Tim Wambunya, Bishop of Wolverhampton.

5 April: Easter Sunday celebration!

Chrim Eucharist

Rev Jim will be attending the Cathedral at 11am on the morning of Maundy Thursday, **2 April** for the Chrim Eucharist. If anyone else would like to go, please let Jim know by **15 March** so he can book seats. Jim also has three spare places in his car, if anyone would like a lift, although he will have to be at the Cathedral earlier than most people.

Cambodia calling

Jack Sargent's trip to Cambodia is now less than four months away. Thank you so much for all who have already supported him financially. However, as part of his fund raising after this week's Sunday morning services we will be selling lovingly crafted little knitted chicks, each with a crème egg inside, for only £1 each. A lovely Easter gift for someone with a sweet tooth!



Invitation to our International Women's Day event

The impact of women in Walsall on the community is immense - #GivetoGain theme for International Women's Day 2026 reminds us that when women receive support, recognition, and encouragement, they flourish. And when women flourish, families, communities and society thrive.

On **Thursday 26 March** 10am-noon, Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association Walsall, together VCS South Locality Lead (Nash Dom CIC), are pleased to invite wonderful women of Walsall and the Black Country to come together and celebrate International Women's Day at Baitul Muqet Mosque, 22 Vicarage Place, Walsall WS1 3NA. Registration is required: <https://forms.gle/r7hPzUknzAk42zX1A>

Baptisms by immersion and confirmation

There will be baptisms by immersion on Easter Day this year. If you haven't been baptised (Christened) before and would like to be baptised, please speak to Rev Jim. Baptism is a declaration of intent to follow Jesus and is the way to declare yourself a Christian.

In the Anglican Church, confirmation follows on from baptism and on **5 July** Bishop Tim will be confirming people at the 10.45am service at St Matthew's. Confirmation is a chance to reaffirm your baptism promises and declare that you are a member of the Anglican Church. If you would like to be confirmed, please speak to Rev Jim.

Celebrating Easter at Walsall Football Club – from Joe Clark, Walsall FC Chaplain

Good Friday - Walsall FC Foundation are planning an Easter celebration from 1pm-2.45pm before the match **Good Friday (3 April)** to remind people what Easter is all about. We have organised a mobile stage at the stadium with a couple of music acts playing, plus balloon modelling and craft activities.

We would love to have other activities – such as face painting or perhaps a financial donation so we can hand out sweets/chocolate? Just turning up so we have a number of Christians present would help. We will have some free match tickets available for those taking part. If you can help to want to know more, please email chaplain@walsallfc.co.uk

Easter football & food – There is also a Saddlers United event on **Sunday 12 April** (4–7pm) at the stadium, to bring Walsall Churches and the Afghan community in Walsall together. The aim is to bring 20 adults and 20 children (primary school age) together for a game of football followed by food and relationship-building. Open to all churches, spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. If you want more details or to book in, please contact me using the details above. (Children will need to be accompanied by an adult.)

Love Black Country events

Compassionate conversations- Helping the church discuss bereavement and loss

With mental health waiting lists of spiralling, the Love Black Country Mental Health Forum is asking a provocative question: *What if the local church became a 'home' for navigating grief and loss?*

We invite leaders, pastoral teams and volunteers from across the Black Country to join us for a critical morning of equipping and regional togetherness. We will explore how prayer, faith and informed empathy can guide us in caring for the broken-hearted. Join us **Sat 9 May**, 9am-1pm at the LifeSpring church, 34 Clifton Street, Wolverhampton WV3 0QT.

Together Worship

The heart of MOVEMENT night is expanding. After seeing hundreds of young people gathered to seek God, we felt it's time to bring the whole church together, from the youngest to the oldest, to worship as one family.

We are calling everyone who loves Jesus to join us. This is our moment to encounter Jesus in worship as one church – together. The event is on **Friday 24 April**; doors open at 7pm and the event starts at 7.30pm-9.30pm at Revival Fires, Dudley.

Together Festival 26 line up

Get ready for a day of talent, packed with something for everyone – and everything below is included as part of your ticket price:

- Music on the open air stage (Philippa Hanna & Band, LinD, Paddy Simba, The Together Band, The Together Choir)
- Comedy and creative acts (hosted on the Main Stage by the fabulous Mark Ritchie)
- Acts for the whole family (e.g. kids' shows, mascots and meet and greets, a climbing wall, and so much more).

Buy tickets now, while you can! <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/91703>

Meet for breakfast

The next church breakfast gathering will be at the Court House Wetherspoons, Walsall, on **Saturday 21 March**. The best destination for good conversation, laughs and lots of food! Contact Matthew on 07816 037378 or matthewgriffin1nh1g8avion@gmail.com for information, or just turn up 8.00am onwards.



Blues Maestro, Sean Taylor' First Light UK Tour

The amazing Sean Taylor is coming to St John's, Walsall on **Friday 1 May**. Accompanied by Mike Seal on double bass, don't miss this! The show starts at 8pm, with doors open at 7.15pm. Tickets are £12 and are available from Richard on 07597 578904 or rwrluton1@outlook.com, or Katie on 01543 372284 It is a 'bring your own drink' event.