



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 29 March 2026

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

Sun 29 Mar	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- The Alpha Course (Centre)
Mon 30 Mar	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
	2.00pm	- Burial of Ashes of John Shipley
Tues 31 Mar	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 1 April	10.00am	- Bible Study (Prayer Chapel, Church)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringers AGM
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 2 Apr	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Maundy Thursday Communion
Fri 3 Apr	9.00am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	10.00am	- Walk of Witness (Gather outside Poundland)
	1.30pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.00pm	- Good Friday Service

Further ahead

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

Sunday 29 March is Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, marking the start of Holy Week, the final week of Lent. It celebrates Jesus as King and Saviour, when followers laid palm branches in his path as he rode a donkey, fulfilling prophecy. This event bridges the jubilation of his arrival and his upcoming crucifixion on Good Friday.

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 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!



Good Friday, 3rd April 2026

Walsall's Walk of Witness



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!

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.

Almshouse vacancies Lichfield

St John's is an almshouse charity providing housing for people of good character from within the Diocese of Lichfield, and we have 42 properties based over two sites in the centre of Lichfield.

We currently have two one-bedroom apartments and a bedsit available. We provide affordable housing and, as such, have a cap on maximum capital and income for potential residents to ensure that our properties go to those who are most in need of them. For further information on St John's please visit our website stjohnslichfield.org and, if you are interested, contact us on officemanager@stjohnslichfield.org for an application form.

Understanding Prayer Ministry course

Praying for people should be normal for Christians - especially in church - but sometimes (if we're honest!) we might feel uncomfortable because we don't know how to do it, lack confidence and need guidance. This day will aim to remind us why prayer ministry is important, give us some practical tips on how to develop prayer ministry across a range of styles and traditions, and make us confident and excited to pray for others. We'll also have some space to be prayed for if we would like to.

It is for anyone interested in developing, refreshing or pioneering prayer ministry in their church, e.g. lay leaders, intercessors, clergy, ordinands, wardens or PCC members.

On **Thursday 14 March**, coffee will be available from 9.30am and the course begins at 9.45am, finishing at 3.00pm. Venue is Shallowford House, Shallowford, Stone, Staffs (ST15 0PB for satnavs) – there is no charge. Book at:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/LichfieldDiocese/20260514UnderstandingPrayerMinistry>



Praying for Gold

An afternoon of prayer for Mission and Revival in the Episcopal area of the Bishop of Wolverhampton.
3:30pm – 6:00pm

Sunday 10th May St John's Shenstone St John's Hill Lichfield WS14 0JB

Sunday 6th Sept St Matthew's Wolverhampton 222 Willenhall Road WV1 2JQ

Sunday 22nd Nov St Peter's Hednesford Church Hill WS12 IBD

Join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer, and silence- from across different traditions and styles- as we pray for mission and revival across the Wolverhampton area!

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 –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>



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.

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