



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 5 April 2026

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

Sun 5 Apr	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 6 Apr		
Tues 7 Apr		
Weds 8 April	10.00am	- Bible Study (Prayer Chapel, Church)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringers AGM
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 9 Apr	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsals
Fri 10 Apr	9.00am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	1.30pm	- Bell Ringing

Further ahead

13 April		- Burial of Ashes of Shane Harrison
		- Finance Committee Meeting (Centre)
14 April		- Memory Café (Centre)

April'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 5 April is Easter Sunday, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. It marks the triumph of good over evil and offers hope and the promise of eternal life.

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 'techies' 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.

Electoral Roll

Are you over 16 and baptised? Have you been attending St Matthew's Church for at least six months? Would you like to consider yourself a member of St Matthew's Church? If you answer "yes" to all of these, please make sure you are on the electoral roll or complete a copy of the application form. The electoral roll is the membership list of St Matthew's Church and entitles you to have a say in who is on the Church Council and other decisions. Please speak to Rev Jim for more information or email him asking for a copy of the form. The deadline for applications is **16 May 2026**.

St Matthew's office request

Please can all our wonderful team leaders (Places of Welcome, Bells, Cleaning and Flowers, to name but a tiny few) let Nancy in the office know when any of their regular bookings are cancelled so that I can amend the diary? I often don't know when there are breaks in the regular bookings so it would be very helpful to be informed. Thank you!

Blues Maestro, Sean Taylor's 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.





Sing-along event

Join us for 1960s favourites and more, like the Searchers, Beatles, Elvis, the Everly Brothers and the Drifters...

All the fun to be had at St Columba's Church, Banners Gate Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 6TX for only £10, with proceeds in aid of Dementia UK. Tickets are available from the Church and choir members, or www.ticketsource.co.uk/our-choir/t-oeppen

Another office request



Tucked away in one of our cupboards is a Casio keyboard and stand and Peavey amplifier. They have been there for AGES and I would like to reclaim the space. If either are yours, please let Nancy in the office know so that you can be reunited and take it/them away – otherwise, they will be given to a new home in summer...



Community child vaccine catch-up clinics

At the catch-up clinics, children and young people can receive:

1. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
2. MenACWY (Meningitis A, C, W, Y)
3. DTaP/IPV (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis / Polio)
4. HPV (Human Papillomavirus, for eligible age groups)

If you're unsure what your child needs, the team can advise you when you book.

Clinics dates and time

11 April, 09.00 – 13.30 at the North Family Hub, 275 Blakenhall Lane, Walsall WS3 1HJ

18 April, 09.00 – 13.30 at the South and Central Locality Hub, Birchills St, Walsall WS2 8NF

For appointments, email: walsall@vaccinationuk.co.uk or call 01922 902035

The clinics will be staffed by trained healthcare professionals from Vaccination UK who specialise in childhood vaccinations and follow all necessary safety protocols. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Appointments are required for all clinics. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact their local team via phone or email to book as soon as possible.

If your child has missed any of their routine vaccinations, a series of local catch-up clinics hosted by Vaccination UK are available across the Black Country. For more information and further updates:

<https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/health-advice/vaccinations/child-vaccine-catch-clinics>

Meet for breakfast

The next church breakfast gathering will be at the Court House Wetherspoons, Walsall, on **Saturday 18 April**. 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.

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>

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