



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 12 April 2026

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

Sun 12 Apr	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise & Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	4.00pm	- Three Spires Young Ringers
Mon 13 Apr	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
	11.00am	- Burial of Ashes of Shane Harrison
	4.30pm	- Finance Committee (Centre)
Tues 14 Apr	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	11.00am	- Memory Café (Centre)
Weds 15 April	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 16 Apr	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsals
Fri 17 Apr	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.00am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	1.30pm	- Bell Ringing
Sat 18 Apr	10.30am	- Wedding Enquirers Meeting

Further ahead

Mon 18 May - Church Council Meeting

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

On **Sunday 12 April**, at the Morning Praise service, Rev Jim will start a new preaching series, beginning with 'Jesus appears to his disciples 1: Thomas'. This will be livestreamed if you are unable to attend, though we would love to see you in person.

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

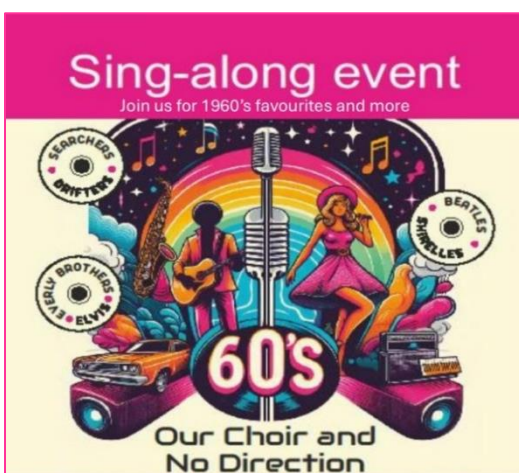
The amazing Sean Taylor is coming to St John's, Walsall on **Friday 1 May**. Accompanied by Mike Seal on double bass, don't miss this! The show starts at 8pm, with doors open at 7.15pm. Tickets are £12 and are available from Richard on 07597 578904 or rwrluton1@outlook.com, or Katie on 01543 372284 It 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 is to be had at St Columba's Church, Banners Gate Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 6TX for only £10, **Saturday 23 May** at 2.30pm, 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



Music equipment seeks original owner...



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

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.



Eat out with us!

Join the folk from St Matthew's for a bite to eat on **Friday 24 April**. We'll meet at Farmer John's, 251 Aldridge Road, Streetly B74 2DX at noon. Contact Brenda on 07792 938126 to book a place.

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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