



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 19 April 2026

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

Sun 19 Apr	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise & Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	3.00pm	- Asian Congregation (Centre)
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 20 Apr		
Tues 21 Apr	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 22 April	10.00am	- Bible Study (Prayer Chapel, Church)
	10.00am	- Baby Massage (Centre)
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 23 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 24 Apr	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.00am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
	1.30pm	- Bell Ringing
Sat 25 Apr		

Further ahead

Mon 18 May	- Church Council Meeting
Sun 31 May	- Annual Parochial Council Meeting
Sat 9 June	- Bell Ringing

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



Rev Yemi will be leading this Holy Communion service on **Sunday 19 April**, ably supported by Isabel Butterfield who will be preaching on 'Jesus appears to his disciples 2: The road to Emmaus'. This will be livestreamed if you are unable to attend, though we would love to see you there.

Baby Massage

The next five-week Baby Massage class in the Church Centre starts on Wednesday 22 **April** at 10.00-11.30am and costs just £30 for five weeks or £25 if you book with a friend. It's suitable for babies from birth to 12 months and can help with bonding, relaxation and pain relief, as well as being a great way to make new friends. Contact Priscilla, who is trained in Baby Massage, on 07984 62663 7 for more information.



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**.



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

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.

Net zero

**DID YOU
KNOW THAT?**



The Church of England and national government's ambition to be net zero carbon by 2050 (or 2030 for the Church of England at the moment) is laudable but comes at a cost. You may be interested to learn a couple of ways this is affecting the Church Centre, both with maintenance and planning.

Maintenance: We can no longer buy lightbulbs for most of our lighting as the system is incompatible with LEDs, and it is no longer possible to buy incandescent or fluorescent bulbs. This means that we are saving up to replace up to 40 light fittings, costs which will start at a minimum of £50 per light, plus the cost of the electricians' time, plus any unexpected costs replacing an elderly wiring system...

Planning: We are exploring installing solar panels on the Centre roof, with an estimated cost of around £20,000. This is an exciting opportunity for future proofing our electricity supply and reducing our energy bills!

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...



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>



Knitted 'Britain at War' comes to Lichfield Cathedral

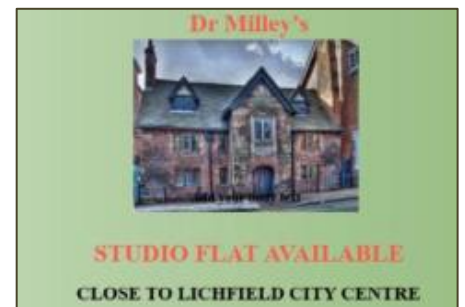
'The Longest Yarn 2' is a knitted 80-metre diorama created in knitting and crocheted scenes depicting the theme 'Britain at War'. It is the successor to 'The Longest Yarn' created in 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. You can see it at Lichfield Cathedral **1-31 May** during cathedral opening hours. Entry free, donations welcome.

Flat in Lichfield at Dr Milley's Hospital

Studio flat available, with use of large communal garden and shared laundry room. For single women of all ages.

Affordable rent (conditions may apply).

Further details from the Administrator, 07580 971928.



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