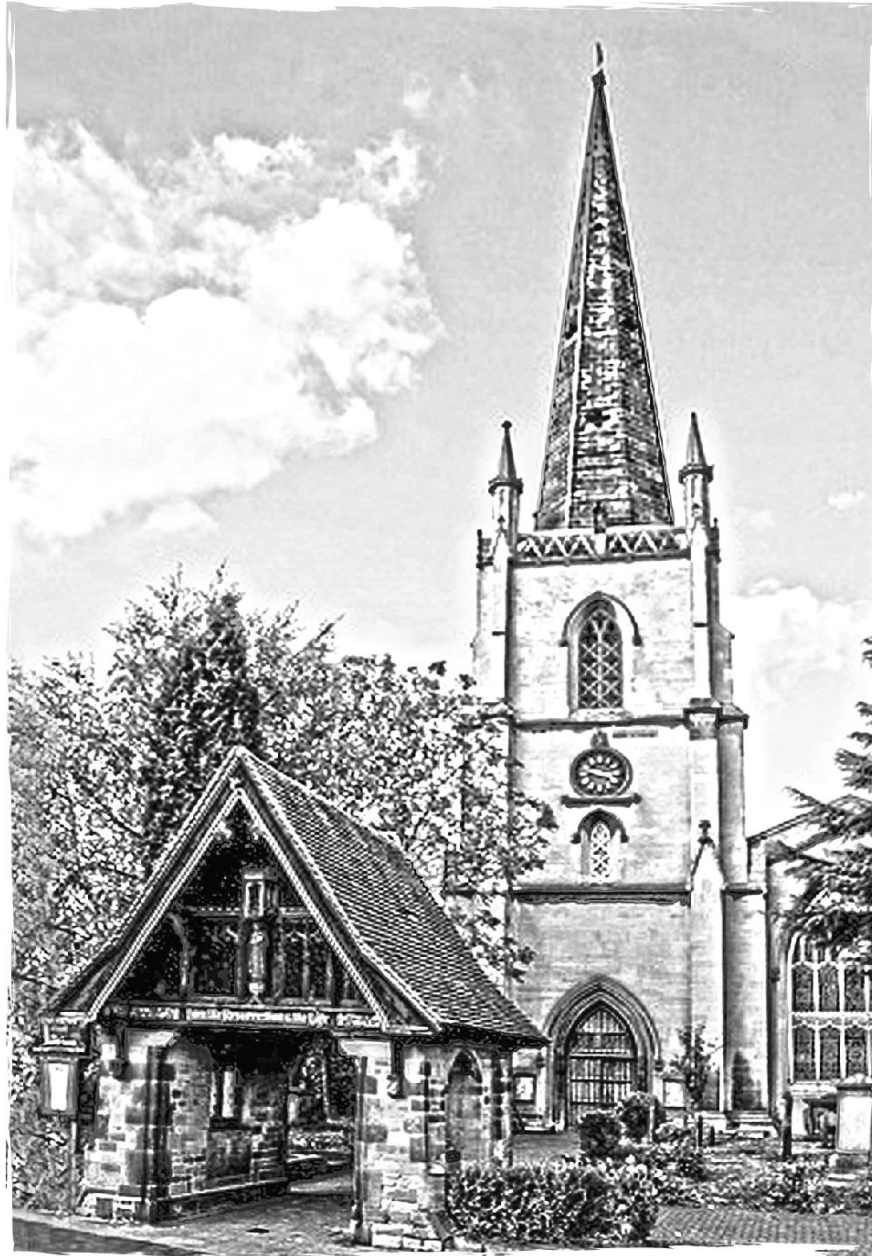


St matthews church



April 2026



*St Matthew's Church – **Worshipping** God; **Equipping** his people;
Growing his kingdom; **Serving** Walsall*

*“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.” (John 13:35)*

Wednesday 1st April

Community Choir / Bell Ringers AGM

Dear Lord, please bless each member of this choir with confidence and unity, that together they may enjoy singing together in harmony and friendship. We thank you for the support and fellowship that this choir brings to all its members. As our Bell Ringers meet tonight for their AGM, we thank you for the joy that they also bring to us all when we hear the beautiful sound of the bells ringing out over our town of Walsall. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Road.

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday Service

Lord Jesus, far too often we are distracted by concerns about our problems and what lies ahead, yet on Maundy Thursday, in a little room where you ate with your disciples, you knew what was coming ahead, and you still found time to wash people's feet. Help us to remember that whatever troubles we are facing, you will always be there with us. Amen.

Pray for churches in the Walsall Deanery: St Martin's Church.

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Lord Jesus, you hung upon a cross and died for us so that we might live for you. Your body was broken so that we might be healed and made whole. We can never deserve the sacrifice you made for us. We ask that all those who take part in today's Walk of Witness will share this love and all who see this enactment of your crucifixion will feel the enormity of your sacrifice for them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Grove Terrace.

Saturday 4th April

Holy Saturday

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your son to earth as a baby so many years ago. Thank you that he paid the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross and as we wait for his resurrection, we thank you that his sacrifice for us proved that death was truly defeated. Help us to put our trust in You to be our Saviour, to guide us through the dark times in our lives and to give us the courage to live for you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of New Street.

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday with Baptisms

Risen Lord, we pray today for the hope and joy that your resurrection has given to us. Help us to realise that you have chosen us, your people, to follow in your footsteps. We are all set free from our sins through Jesus Christ. Help us to open our minds to see his light so that we may walk with him and know the hope to which he has called us and how rich are the wonderful blessings that he has promised us. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Upper Rushall Street.

Monday 6th April

Easter Monday

Dear Father, today after most of us will have spent Easter with our families, we think of all those who are homeless and have had to spend this special time alone. We thank you for the kindness and dedication of all the people who work in the care organisations that support them. Father, hear the voices of those who need you and help them to feel your love. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hill Street.

Tuesday 7th April

The seasons

Dear Lord, as we get ready for the longer and warmer days of spring and summer, we thank you for the changing seasons and for being part of your creation that is full of rhythm and cycles. We have cycles in our lives, too, as we evolve and move through all the amazing changes that you have in store for us. You are the architect of a world that works perfectly, and we pray that we can move in harmony with all that you have planned for our lives. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Town Hill.

Wednesday 8th April

Bible Study

Holy Father, please be with all those attending this Bible Study group today. Your words hold such reassurance and hope to all of us, so help us to understand the passages we read and to find comfort in the knowledge that you are always with us in good times and especially in the difficult ones. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of St Matthew's Close.

Thursday 9th April

OWLs

Loving Father, we give thanks for this supportive group that meet every week to enjoy each other's company and take part in the entertainment. Be with Kate as she organises the programme for each week and then leads the activities.

Grateful thanks too, Lord, for the continuing support of Brenda, Pat and Sara as they prepare and serve the refreshments each week. Amen.

Pray for churches in the Walsall Deanery, St Luke's Church.

Friday 10th April

Church cleaning / Flower arranging

Dear Lord, we give thanks for those who clean our Church and arrange the flowers every Friday. St Matthew's Church welcomes us each week to prayer and worship in an atmosphere of brightness and hope. It is so easy to take that for granted and to forget that there is a group of people who give up their time each week to keep it that way. We thank you for their commitment and dedication to our church. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Dudley Street.

Saturday 11th April

War and conflict

God of justice and mercy, we pray for those living in war zones across the world. May the leaders of countries and factions take stock of the consequences, intended and unintended, of prolonged conflicts or acts of violence. May your love break through, encouraging negotiation and peace. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Birmingham Road.

Sunday 12th April

Peal event

Lord, as the St Matthew's band of bell ringers come together today, we pray that you hear their prayer.

The Guild Collect

Send, O Lord your Grace into our hearts,
As we ring the bells of your house of prayer.
May we never forget its sacred presence;
And may we ever ring to your praise and glory
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Jesson Close.

Monday 13th April

Burial of Ashes of Shane Harrison

We pray, Father, for the family and friends of Shane who come today to inter his ashes in the Garden of Rest. May this act bring them peace after the sadness of his death and be a place they can visit in remembrances of him. Amen.

Prayers, too, for the Finance Committee and leadership Team meetings.

Please pray for the residents of Jesson Road and the Rectory.

Tuesday 14th

Memory café

Loving Father, we pray for comfort and reassurance for those who come to the Memory café today. Both for those who are living with dementia and those who care and support them. May the activities prepared by the Rotary Club open up past memories and create new ones. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Freer Street.

Wednesday 15th April

JAM (Jesus And Me)

May the joy of being together at this after-school activity bring a deeper understanding of Your love them, Lord. We give thanks for the leaders who use their time and gifts to plan the activities that encourage the children to be enthusiastic about attending and spreading the word among their other friends. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Small Street.

Thursday 16th April

Bishops staff team residential

As the Bishop's staff team take time away from the busyness of their day-to-day work, may they grow closer together in fellowship, and may they grow closer to you, Lord, in their faith. Amen.

Pray for churches in the Walsall Deanery, St. Paul's @ The Crossing Church.

Friday 17th April

Blue Coat assembly

Dear Lord, we thank you so much for the strong links between the Blue Coat schools and St Matthew's. It is wonderful that the Christian ethos is so embedded in all that the schools do. As the Academy gathers for this assembly in its first week of the summer term, may it be an enjoyable and special time for all. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Broadway North.

Saturday 18th April

Baptisms

Thank you for Natasha, Cillian, Sharlene and Kiara who were all baptised in April in recent years. May we, as a church, uphold them in their new life in Christ, and support and encourage them as they grow in their faith. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Cambridge Street.

Sunday 19th April

Our services

O loving God be with us in our worship today. Open our ears to hear your voice, open our eyes to see your glory, open our hearts to receive your grace, open our lips to sing your praises and open our arms to welcome the stranger, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Clews Close.

Monday 20th April

Standing Committee

Please bless the Standing Committee as it meets tonight to make various decisions about St Matthew's. We pray, dear Lord, that you are with the members, guiding them so that all they decide agrees with your will and is following your paths. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bescot Street.

Tuesday 21st April

Young Minds (a charity we support in 2026)

We remember with sadness the many young people in our society who are struggling with mental health issues. We give thanks for the charity Young Minds, as it reaches out to bring those young people a hope and an optimism for the future. May those who work for it be blessed with wisdom, love and insight. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Wednesbury Road.

Wednesday 22nd April

Baby massage

It is wonderful, Lord, how the baby massage sessions bring parents and children closer. We ask that with the help of this group all who come will be able to undertake the difficult job of parenting with more love, more empathy and more tenderness. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Little Newport Street.

Thursday 23rd April

Music Ministry Team rehearsals

The blessings brought to us by the Music Ministry Team in our church life are so glorious as they enrich our worship immeasurably. We give thanks that so many have chosen to use their gifts in this way and ask that their rehearsal tonight will be a time of great enjoyment for all involved. Amen.

Pray for churches in the Walsall Deanery: St Peter's Church.

Friday 24th April:

Love Black Country praise evening

Heavenly Father, I come before you today with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for your countless blessings and your unwavering love. Thank you for the gift of life, for the air I breathe, and for the strength you give me each day. Your grace and mercy sustain me, and I am deeply grateful for your presence in my life. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Sister Dora Gardens.

Saturday 25th April

Licensing of a new vicar of Wednesbury

Father God, we give thanks for all those who are called to serve you in Your kingdom here on earth. Protect them and uphold them in everything they do to further Your kingdom. We pray especially today for the licensing of a new vicar in Wednesbury. Be with them Lord as they seek to serve You. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Little Caldmore.

Sunday 26th April

Care and compassion

King of King and Lord of Lord's, we praise you and give thanks for Archbishop Sarah, one month on from her installation as Archbishop of Canterbury. May her message of love, caring and openness be reflected throughout the whole church and reach those yet to find faith in you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hayden Sander Square.

Monday 27th April

Almshouse Trust meeting

Loving God, we pray for our community, thanking God for those places where people are thriving.

We pray for those in need, the unemployed, the housebound or in care facilities, the lonely, those who are ill. Show us how to plant seeds of reassurance in their lives. With hope we plant seeds for the future. We especially pray for the members of the Almshouse Trust group as they meet today, that they make just decisions for the benefit of all. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Buckle Close.

Tuesday 28th April

Chosen by You

Father, I receive the gift of life. As I pray today, help me to remember the fact that you have been chosen and redeemed by your Heavenly Father. He gave the life of His only Son so that we might inherit eternal life with Him - not just one day in the future but starting here and now! Be with me, help me to make good choices to live my life for you today and to love others deeply as You Lord love us. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bridge Street.

Wednesday 29th April

Peace

Loving God, we pray for all world leaders that, using Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the ultimate role model of leadership, they would care for their own flock in such a way that peace will abound, righteousness flourish and injustice be eradicated. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Ablewell Street.

Thursday 30th April

Sensory Play for babies

Dear God, thank you for all the mums who care for their families every day. Please give them strength when they're tired and wisdom when they're unsure. Let them feel Your love and support always, reminding them they're doing amazing work. Amen.

Pray for churches in the Walsall Deanery: the hospital chaplaincy team.