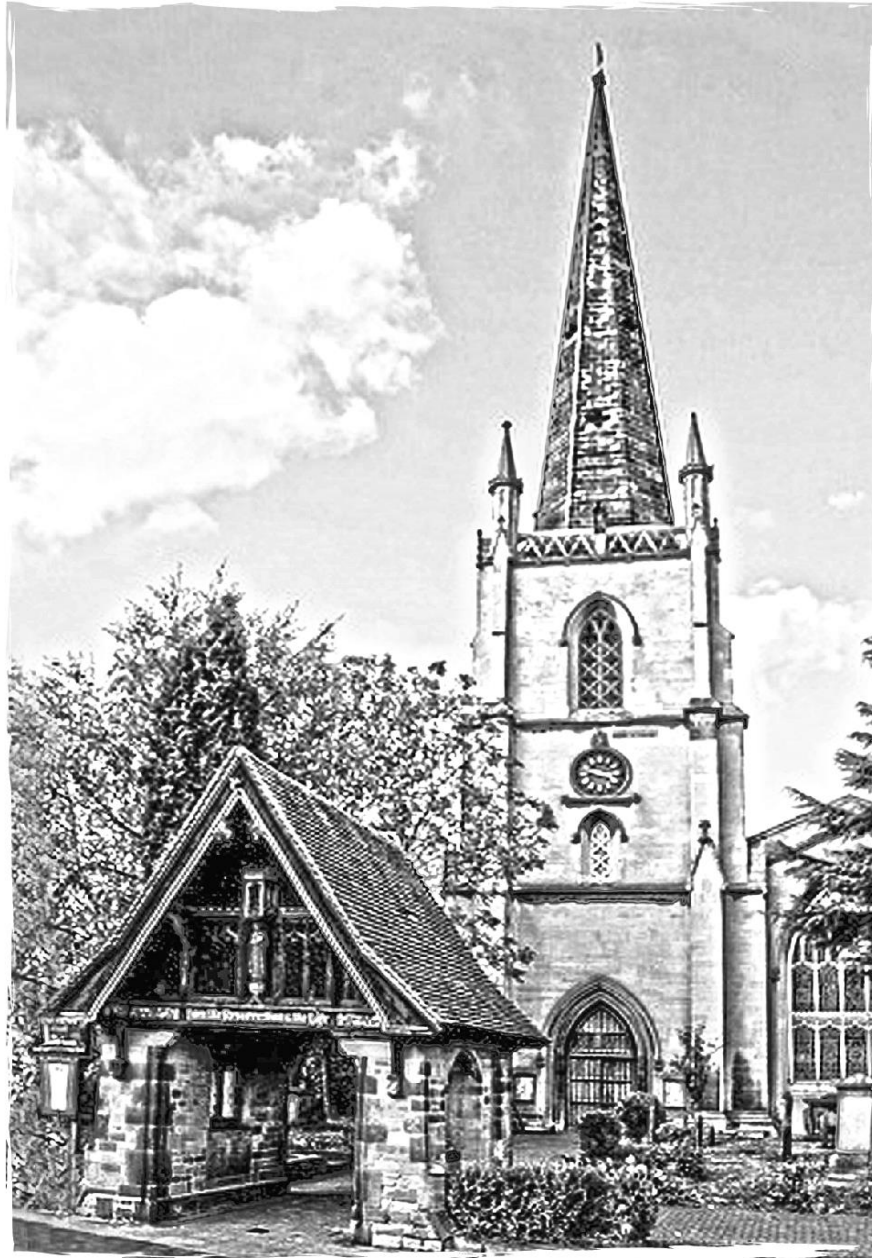
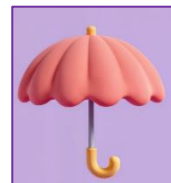


St matthews church



May 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)*

Friday 1st May

Peace

Dear Father, as the world now is such a changed place, we continue to pray and invite you into our hearts – hearts that have so much in them right now. Amidst our fear, confusion, uncertainty, grief and anger, we invite you in. With your help, may we be given peace and understanding and most of all patience as we seek to preserve our own safety and well-being. Please make us aware of others and how our actions can affect them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Springhill Road.

Saturday 2nd May

Those facing difficult times in their lives

Dear Father, we pray today for your guidance and help for all those who are facing a difficult time in their lives, especially those learning to cope with a life-threatening illness. Help them to know that you are always with them and will help them cope with whatever life throws at them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Ridgewood Close.

Sunday 3rd May

Our day to worship you

Loving Father, our lives are full of good intentions as we plan to spend more time in your presence in prayer and reading your word. However, we do not always do as we plan, and we do not think of you as often as we ought. Help us to be humbler and to not think we can do it all on our own. We need to put our trust in you and to allow you to fashion our lives and direct us in the direction you wish us to follow. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Draymans Close.

Monday 4th May

For our families

Lord Jesus, today we give thanks to you, Lord for our families. You were born into a family in Galilee and will have experienced the security of this love and support. Help us to appreciate the love that we receive from our grandparents, parents and children, who, like you, will love us whatever we do. We thank you that they are there when we encounter disappointment but are also there to share in our successes. We ask you to be with all those who are alone. Help them not to feel isolated and to find the support and love they may be seeking in you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Highgate Close.

Tuesday 5th May

Places of Welcome

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for Sara and Pat and their volunteers as they spend each Tuesday ready to welcome any who visit our church with a cup of tea, cake and a chat. We pray for all those who visit. May they find what they seek, whether it is to look around the church or to feel the peace and comfort that just being in your presence may give them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Highgate Drive.

Wednesday 6th May

Blue Coat Governors' meeting

Almighty God, we give thanks for all our Blue Coat Schools. As the governors meet today, we ask that you guide them in any decisions that they must make. May they bring reflection and wisdom to the meeting and always to have in mind your will for the well-being and future of these schools. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Canute Close.

Thursday 7th May

Love Walsall breakfast / Local council elections

Dear Lord, we ask you to be with all those attending this morning's breakfast meeting and thank you for their continued commitment to our local community. Guide them in their thinking as they seek to plan and organise the way our churches move forward and reach out to our community. Give them the strength and ideas to do what is right and is pleasing to you. Amen.

We pray, Lord, for those standing as candidates in the local elections today. May those elected have the wisdom to do so fairly, the ability to do so with skill and the judgement to respond to immediate need. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, St Michael and All Angels Church.

Friday 8th May

Diocesan budget review group

Lord Jesus, today we think of all those involved in this meeting. At the moment the cost of living is very high, and many families are struggling to manage. Diocesan budgets are essential for the financial management of churches so, like us, they, too, have to plan their annual expenditure carefully. Please be all those involved so that the correct decisions are made. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Lincoln Road.

Saturday 9th May

Prayer for the 100th Bishop of Lichfield

Eternal Father

to watch over your people and lead them in your ways:

as you chose your servant Chad to be the first bishop of your church in Lichfield,

so raise up for us, who follow Christ in his footsteps today,

a shepherd to lead your people

in the joy and steadfastness of the Holy Spirit,

that all may know the abundant life

which you give us in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Parklands Gardens.

Sunday 10th May

War and conflict

God of justice and mercy, we pray for 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 Christ Church Grove and the episcopal area prayer meeting.

Monday 11th May

Parish priest

Father, we pray for all those today at the shortlisting meeting to appoint a new parish priest. May your guidance and wisdom be with the selection panel as they seek to align the strengths of the applicants with the needs of the church. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Stablewood Grove.

Tuesday 12th May

Memory café

Loving Father, we pray for comfort and reassurance for those who come to the memory café today. Both for those who suffer 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 Beaconsfield Court.

Wednesday 13th May

Leadership team

Loving Father, we pray today for the Leadership team of St Matthew's. May their discussions and decisions be guided by you. May these enable the church to grow, meeting the needs of the congregation and serving the community. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Loriners Grove and diocesan finance meeting.

Thursday 14th May

Blue Coat Academy Holy Communion service

May the sharing of communion this morning bring a renewed sense of your presence in their lives and in ours when partaking the bread and wine. Set before us the path you have laid for each to walk knowing you are with us, Father. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, Christ Church, St Aidan's, St Catherine's with St Chad churches.

Friday 15th May

Palfrey School visit

Loving Father, as the children visit St Matthew's church today may they learn not just of the history of the building but about our Christian faith. As they look upon the beauty of the stained-glass windows may they feel the love of those who created them, Lord. As the church stands above the town of Walsall may they feel welcomed. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of your road and neighbours.

Saturday 16th May

Jennifer Worley & Callum Mackay's wedding

May you shower Callum and Jennifer with your riches on this their wedding day, and throughout their life ahead. May they thank you for their blessings, may they feel your support when times are hard, and may they be bound together with love. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Little Gorway.

Sunday 17th May

Today's services

As we come together today in our services, may the words of the song ring in us –
I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus. Amen.

Please pray for the students on Walsall Campus, Wolverhampton University.

Monday 18th May

Church Council meeting

We give thanks for those who have taken on the responsibility of being on the Church Council over the last year, and ask that, at the meeting tonight, they may be given the faith and the wisdom to be bold and be guided by you in all the decisions they make. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Lane.

Tuesday 19th May

School visit / Archdeacon's team meeting

Thank you, God, that we are able to show Whitehall Junior School around St Matthew's today. We pray that they will be impressed with the beauty, interested in the history, fascinated by the stories and, most of all, somehow touched by the gospel. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Mountrath Street.

Wednesday 20th May

Blue Coat Infant's & Junior's assemblies

It is truly wonderful, Lord, that the Infant and Junior schools have assemblies in our church today and tomorrow. It is so lovely to have our building echoing to the sound of children's voices. We ask that they be special and enjoyable times that bring all who come along closer to you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Glebe Street.

Thursday 21st May

Academy governors / Deanery synod

Be with the Academy governors as they meet today. May they see a sensitive and compassionate way through their difficult decisions that allows the school to develop, yet at the same time is built around the Christian values that are at the Academy's heart. We pray, too, for Deanery synod. May it be a time of blessing for the churches across the Deanery, where they can develop their mission and purpose, and focus on working together to tell the town of your glory. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, St Mary's, St Thomas', Tynings Lane churches.

Friday 22nd May

Academy leavers service / Y13 lunch

Please bless all at the Academy who are moving on this summer. Be with them in their exams and guide them in the future, and may they forever remember and cherish the Christian ethos that surrounded them in their days at Blue Coat. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Mount Street.

Saturday 23rd May

Baptisms

We thank you, Lord, for Simon, Ros and Chinoram, all of whom have been baptised at St Matthew's in May over the last few years. We pray that their faith will grow day by day, and that they will feel you with them as they journey through life. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hart Street.

Sunday 24th May**Love Walsall Pentecost service**

Holy God, at this time of Pentecost we pray for unity and mission to be ever present and powerful. We pray that the Holy Spirit unites Christians across all denominations, empowering them to tell of God's glory in every tongue and work together for the Kingdom. We ask afresh for a renewal of "baptism in the Holy Spirit" for the church, breaking down barriers of fear and apathy and pray for courage in sharing the Gospel and for the strengthening of persecuted Christians. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of George Street.

Monday 25th May**Peace and justice**

Loving God, we continue to pray for peace and justice in our troubled world. We pray for the leaders of nations to receive the Spirit of wisdom, that they may work for peace, end injustice and combat oppression. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Goodall Street.

Tuesday 26th May**Walsall Childminding Hub**

Father God, you asked that little children come to you. During this holiday time we asked for your love, guidance and support surround those involved in care giving and for working parents who often struggle with childcare, especially when working unsocial hours. May this break be a time of joy, laughter and new experiences. Grant them deep rest for their bodies and minds so they return ready to learn. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Newport Street.

Wednesday 27th May**Community Choir**

Creator God, today we pray for our Community Choir, for cohesion and listening to one another, and working as one body. We give thanks for the friendships and community built through music and the comfort, peace, joy and hope our music making brings to not only ourselves but to those listening. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bradford Street.

Thursday 28th May

OWLs

Loving God, we give thanks for the fellowship, friendship and care that OWLs give to all those who attend. We thank you for those who lead, support and arrange the various activities that members enjoy. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery, St Michael the Archangel, Christ the King churches.

Friday 29th May

Blue Coat schools

Father God, we thank you for our wonderful world, for holiday time and the coming of summer. As our schools return after the spring break may children, teachers and staff return refreshed to face the last term of the year and all the examinations that are forthcoming. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Mountrath Street.

Saturday 30th May

Weddings

Loving God, as we move into summer we look to those who are preparing to be married. Guide and sustain them in all the busy preparations, the marriage and their future life together. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Place.

Sunday 31st May

Annual Church meeting

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that affect the church and the many activities and outreach projects we strive to support. Continue to be ever present in all we do, reminding us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of you and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Vicarage Walk.