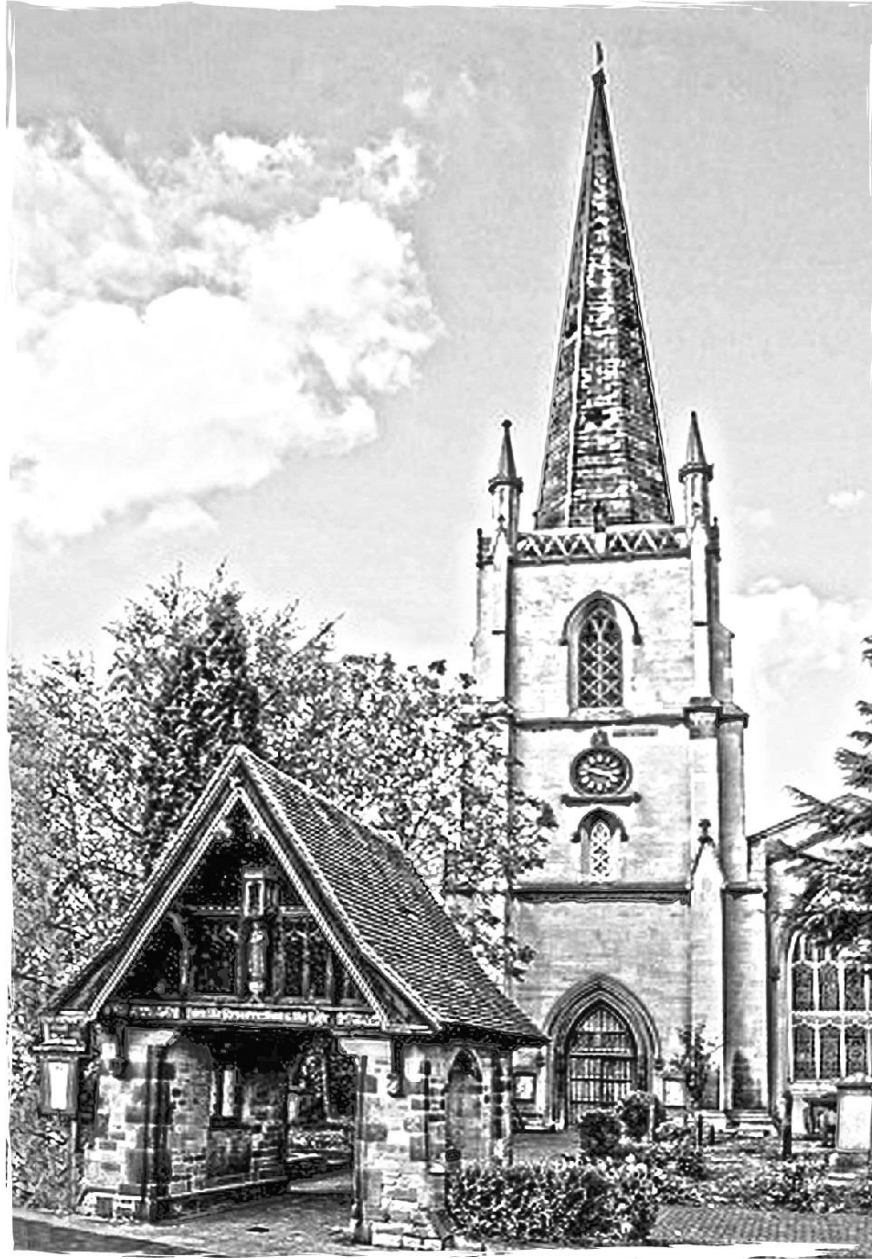


St matthews church



September 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)*

Tuesday 1st September

Blue Coat Academy staff service

Dear Father, as many children will be leaving school this month and moving onto work or university, we pray for their futures and that, with your help, they will be able to achieve all their plans and ambitions. Many younger children will be moving to senior schools and we ask that you to watch over them as they visit their new schools. These changes can be worrying and we ask that, once they move, you help them to settle quickly, find new friends and get used to a new routine. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bath Road.

Wednesday 2nd September

Our world and climate change

Dear Father, we give thanks for the beauty of your creation. Each part is intricately designed and perfect - it is a reflection of your love for us. We are having a beautiful sunny summer and, as a result, are now experiencing a period of drought. We are custodians of this beautiful world so help us to appreciate it and by managing our exploitation of its resources, enable us to preserve it for future generations. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Little London.

Thursday 3rd September

Stay and Play toddler group

Holy Father, as this group meets today, please be with all those that attend with their children and the leaders. As they enjoy spending time together, help us to welcome them into St Matthew's church so that they may get to know you better and become a greater part of our church family. Jesus said whoever welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me and we thank you, Lord, that we can welcome so many children to this group. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery; St John's Church, Walsall Wood.

Friday 4th September

Beacon support group meeting

Dear Father, we ask you to bless our Centre and give you thanks and praise for all the activities that take place there. We think especially of the group meeting there today and ask you to be with all those involved, giving them strength and enthusiasm to encourage and support others. Help us find ways to build links with all the groups that meet there so that we can invite their members to become a closer part of our church family. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Sandwell Street.

Saturday 5th September

Doing the impossible

Gentle Jesus, how do we react when we are given an impossible task, having to do something that seems impossible can overwhelm us? A situation that seems impossible with human resources is simply an opportunity for God. When facing a seemingly impossible task, help us do what you can and ask God to do the rest. Give us the courage to put all our faith in you and you will give us the strength and peace to deal with whatever life gives us to deal with. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of West Bromwich Street.

Sunday 6th September

St Matthew's Church

Thank you for this Sunday, Lord. We come before you first and foremost with hearts of gratitude. You have seen us through another week and, as we stand at the threshold of a fresh week, full of new beginnings, help us start this new week with you. Stir in us a deep desire to come to know you better and remind us that it is not solely by going to a Sunday service that we worship you, but it is through our daily communion with you through relationship and prayer. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Green.

Monday 7th September

Homegroups / Mentoring meeting / Leadership Team meeting

Loving Lord, on this busy day in our church and community, we thank you that there is so much activity in our area that we can get involved with and support others and in so doing glorify your name. Please be with all those taking part, guide them in any decisions they make so that they are made according to your will. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Caldmore Road.

Tuesday 8th September

Memory Cafe

Dear Father, we pray today for all those attending this meeting. Please bless those with dementia with clarity, peace and comfort. Calm their fears, ease their confusion and surround them with your love. Strengthen caregivers with patience and grace and let everyday be filled with your presence and hope. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Grove Terrace.

Wednesday 9th September

Town Centre Ministries

Loving Father, we pray that the message of your love can be shared across Walsall. May this meeting today inspire new ways to get this message to the communities we serve. May there be many opportunities where Your word can be shown. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of New Street.

Thursday 10th September**Bishop's staff meeting**

At this last meeting of Bishop Michael's senior staff meeting before he retires, may there be an outpouring of thanks for his leadership over the past years. We honour and celebrate his commitment to the Diocese of Lichfield. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery; St. Martin's Church.

Friday 11th September**Heritage Open Evening**

At the start of this celebration and welcome into St Matthew's Church, Lord, we pray that many people will come and use this opportunity to visit and explore this ancient church that stands above the town of Walsall. May the warm welcome any visitors receive, encourage them to seek out the Christian message, here within. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Hill Street.

Saturday 12th September**Heritage Open Day and activities**

We pray for the success of the second day of the Heritage Weekend. May the excitement of the Teddy Bears' Picnic and the music out on the Church green draw people up Church Hill. Then the experience of listening to singing within Church draw more to want to explore our faith in You, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Town Hill.

Sunday 13th September**Walsall Deanery**

Father, we pray today for all the congregations across our Deanery. Whichever church they worship in or watch online at home, we ask that they feel the Holy Spirit moving in that space.

At St Matthew's may we be ready to give a welcome to any who may have visited over the Heritage Weekend and are returning, seeking the meaning of Christian faith and worship. Amen.

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

Monday 14th September**Standing Committee / BCA Governors**

Father, as the new school year gets underway and church committees meet regularly, we pray for all those who are members and decision-makers. May your presence be always there with ears and hearts open to you and to your guidance. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Upper Rushall Street.

Tuesday 15th September**Climate changes**

Almighty Father, ruler of heaven and earth, who gives us cloud and shade, who sends sun and rain – may we truly appreciate and protect the sheer variety of climate in the world from frozen wastes still harbouring life, to tropical forests helping the world to breathe. Let us not continue to upset this climatic balance through thoughtless actions and bad stewardship. May we all be respectful of your creation, bountiful God. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Dudley Street.

Wednesday 16th September**JAM**

We thank you, Lord, for the young children who will be meeting today after school - for their laughter, for their sense of fun, and for their trusting faith. We pray that the session will be a welcoming and enjoyable time for the children and carers alike. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Birmingham Road.

Thursday 17th September**OWLs**

Dear Lord, we give thanks for OWLs. May today's meeting be a fun time and a time when all find support and friendship. We thank you, too, Lord, for those who so kindly organise the events. Thank you for their dedication and energy, and may they be blessed with the vision to continue in their role. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery; St Luke's Church.

Friday 18th September**Baptisms**

We pray for Kian and Nel who have been baptised in recent years in September. May we, as a fellowship, continue to welcome them into the fellowship of faith and uphold them in their new life in Christ, supporting them with our love and prayers. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Jesson Close.

Saturday 19th September**Wedding enquiries**

Thank you, Lord, for the couples who are considering making their wedding vows in our church. We pray that love binds their future lives together, and that you will be the foundation of their marriage. Amen.

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

Sunday 20th September

Our services

Dear Lord, please be at the heart of all of today's services. Be with all who are involved in the leading, the teaching and the worship, and may all who attend, whether online or in person, feel their faith grow. We pray especially for those who are unable to be there for whatever reason, and ask that they still feel they are a special part of our fellowship. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Freer Street.

Monday 21st September

The Episcopal Areas Vacancies support group

As Jim attends this meeting, we pray for all the congregations who currently do not have a minister. We pray that this time will continue to be a period of growth for each of those congregations. May they feel your presence with them, guiding them in their decisions, and may the wider church support and strengthen them. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Small Street.

Tuesday 22nd September

Blue Coat Academy assembly

Please bless the assembly being held in our church this morning. It is so wonderful that our building is filled with so many teenagers, and we ask that they enjoy the time they spend there. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Cambridge Street.

Wednesday 23rd September

Bible studies / Deanery Synod

We thank you, Lord, for the various bible study and homegroups that meet throughout the week. May they be a place where people grow in fellowship, in love, in understanding and in faith. We pray, too, for tonight's Deanery Synod, and especially the power of social media. Please guide the churches so they can make positive use of this important area of outreach, so they can touch the lives of those who use it so heavily. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Clews Close.

Thursday 24th September**Empowering Futures group / Licensing of new minister at St Matthew's, Tipton**

Lord Jesus, it's so amazing to realise that you reach out to us with the same power, the same love, and the same understanding and compassion as when you were on earth. Lord, we need your forgiveness, we need your healing, we need your strength and guidance in our lives right now. Whatever our past, whatever our situation, whatever we are facing, help us to open our hearts and minds to you, and be filled afresh with your Holy and Life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Prayers for the Walsall Deanery; St. Paul's @ The Crossing Church.

Friday 25th September**Peace in our hearts**

Eternal God, when it seems as though the world is closing in on us, your word is indeed a 'lamp to our feet and a light for our path'. For it is as we learn of your love, your faithfulness, and the reliability of your promises that we find true freedom – freedom from anxiety, from fear and from all that would stifle our hope. Nothing and no one has the power to take away the peace and the security we find in you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Bescot Street.

Saturday 26th September**National Flute Orchestra**

Creator God, we all have gifts but often do not recognise them. Help us, Lord, to listen to you, to discern our gifting whether that be in music, word, art, friendship, comfort, and to share this willingly and freely. All we can do is to offer ourselves, our thanks and our praise, for only you can give us life that is full and free, life lived in every part with you, new life in Jesus, both now and always. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Earl Street.

Sunday 27th September**Bishop Michael's final service**

Loving God, we thank you for Bishop Michael's faithful, obedient service and love for you. We ask for your blessing on him today as he leads his last service and as he moves forward into a new future. We pray your continued blessings on him during this next phase of his life. May your Presence be with him as he chooses new paths and explores new horizons. May he be blessed with strong networks of friends and family to enjoy the journey that lies ahead. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Wednesbury Road.

Monday 28th September**Church Council meeting**

Almighty, ever-living and ever-loving God, in whatever way we worship you today, we come with full and grateful hearts for all the ways you have supported us and made yourself known to us in the past week. You are indeed worthy of all our praises, and we gladly bring our whole selves to you, asking that through your Holy Spirit living in us and working through us we may bring glory to you. We especially pray for guidance and discernment of our Church Council members as they meet today. Send us forth into your world, Lord, to share with others the love, the hope and the joy of Jesus. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Little Newport Street.

Tuesday 29th September**Building a closer relationship with God**

Dear God, each day I wake up with a desire to know You better. I want to become more and more like You. In Your love and mercy, let me come closer to You. Allow me to cling to You, so that I may learn to walk in Your ways. Help me to remain steadfast in Your love with an unshakable faith so that I may become fused with You in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Sister Dora Gardens.

Wednesday 30th September**Blue Coat Foundation meeting**

Thank you, Father, that you are the author of our lives and you can turn our past into our purpose. We worship you and praise you for you look at us and all you have overcome in us, and still see the beauty you created. Use us, Lord, just like Paul, as instruments in your hand for whatever purpose you've chosen for us to be and to become. We love you and choose to follow you this day. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Little Caldmore.