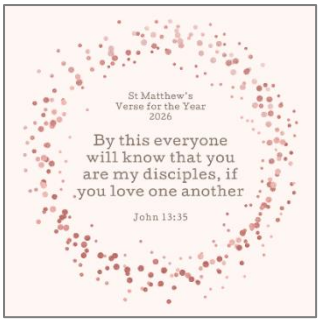


St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 22 November 2026

Worshipping God
Equipping His people
Growing His Kingdom
Serving Walsall

Sun 22 Nov	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise & Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.00pm	- Quarter Peal
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 23 Nov	7.30pm	- Church Council
Tues 24 Nov	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 25 Nov	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Bell Ringing
	6.30pm	- Christmas Community Choir (Centre)
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 26 Nov	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Blue Coat Academy Prize Evening
Fri 27 Nov	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Advent Holy Communion Service
	9.00am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers

Further ahead

6 Dec	- Children's Church Christmas Party (Centre)
	- Civic Carol Service
8 Dec	- Memory Café (Centre)
18 Dec	- Blue Coat Federation Christmas Service

November's Prayer Diary – available at https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/resources/

Prayer requests – Please pray for Iris Taylor's manager's granddaughter, Poppy Russell, as she awaits a major operation to enlarge her skull so that her brain can grow. Only two years old, this is her second life-saving operation. Please pray also for Sue Webster's nephew's wife, Jane, who is having surgery at the QE to try and save her sight due to the brain tumour. And please continue to pray for Joan Cartridge, Joan Nock, Sue Webster, Maureen Platt, Iris Taylor and Iris Mallaband.



10.45am service

This Sunday's Morning Praise will celebrate Christ the King, so do come and join us in Church or online to take part this **Sunday 22 November**.



Experience the gift of Christmas at St Matthew's

From Carols in the Pub to our family Nativity, Christingle and Christmas Day celebrations, we have a full programme of festive services this December - and we'd love you to bring someone/s along!

Check the poster in Church and at the Centre for all service dates and times, or visit www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/christmas



The Evening Service over Christmas

See the poster to the left with the changes to the Evening Service in the run up to Christmas.

Civic Carol service and Children's Church Christmas party

Both will take place on **Sunday 6 December**. The children will start in church for the Civic Carol Service and leave, when it is announced, with Children's Church leaders and Blue Coat staff for the party in the Centre. There will be games and a small gift at the end. The children will be brought back around 12 noon, so please could parents wait in church for them to return.

Do you have questions about life and faith - or know someone who does?

Alpha is a welcoming, no-pressure space to explore the Christian faith over a free meal and great conversation. If you're exploring faith yourself, we'd love to welcome you; if you already call St Matthew's home, who could you pray for and invite along?

Starting **Tuesday 5 January** at 6.30pm at St Matthew's Centre. Book a place by scanning the QR code or visiting www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/alpha



Confirmation

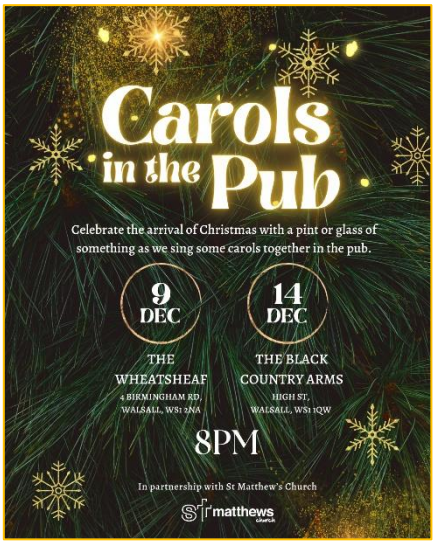
There will be a confirmation service held at All Saints, Streetly on **Sunday 10 January** at 10.00am. If anyone would like to be confirmed, please speak to Jim as soon as possible as the relevant paperwork will need to be completed well before Christmas.



Deck the Mall – join us for carols around Walsall!

Come spread Christmas cheer across some of Walsall's favourite shopping and culture spots! On **Saturday 12 December**, we're singing carols at the venues around Walsall town centre. Join us at any (or all!) of the locations for some festive singing and community spirit! Let's Deck the Mall together!

11am: The New Art Gallery
12noon: The Light Cinema
2pm: The Crossing at St Paul's
3pm: The Table Coffee Shop

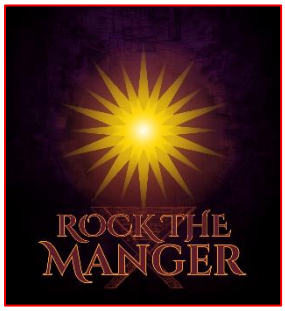


Carols in the Pub – join us for festive cheer!

Get into the Christmas spirit with Carols in the Pub! Sing your favourite Christmas carols with us while enjoying a cozy evening at these great local spots:

- **Wednesday 9 December** at 8pm, The Wheatsheaf
- **Monday 14 December** at 8pm, Black Country Arms

Bring your friends, grab a drink, and let's fill the air with festive joy! Everyone's welcome – singing voice not required, just a love for Christmas and good company!



Bring your loudest singing voice to Rock the Manger!

Keep the Christmas celebrations going on **Sunday 27 December** at 6.30pm in St Matthew's Church. Led by a house band and guest musicians, traditional carols meet contemporary rock as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Everyone is welcome - bring friends and family along!

Churchyard Gold award

We are proud and delighted to let you know that we have been awarded a Gold churchyard award this year – to top our Silver last year. This couldn't have be achieved without the enthusiastic support and constant labours of our amazing volunteer team. Well done to you all, and thank you for your ongoing hard work!





MOVEMENT!

Youth groups and youth are invited to - a night of passionate prayer and worship together with hundreds of young people from across the Black Country! This is a space to celebrate all that God is doing in this generation, spend time in His presence and pray for our towns, schools, families and friends.

It will be held at Revival Fires, Dudley, DY1 3AL on **Friday 27 November**, with doors open from 7pm and the event ending at 9.30pm. Youth leader (18+), Youth (11-17) & Young

Adult (18-21) tickets are all available* (*all Youth & Young adults are to be booked with a Youth Leader or parent who will be responsible for them for the duration of the event). For tickets, to go: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/HCKF



Piano, free to a good home!

There is a piano and stool ready to go free to a good home. You need to be able to collect it from a storage unit near Junction 10, and for more information, please speak to Jim or Priscilla on 07984 626637.



Don't miss Together Festival 2027 – Headline act is Elle Limebear

Elle Limebear, known for her songs *Maker of the Moon* and *Holding Me Still*, will headline Together Festival 27 on the outdoor stage. We love seeing talented musicians and worship leaders join us, but not as much as we love seeing all of you join us too! Bring your church, your friends, and anyone who needs to see what the Church looks like together.
Elle is joined by Paddy Simba, the Together Band and the Together Choir, with more to be announced.

Together Festival 2027 will be taking place on **12 June 2027** at Himley Park – one day, one church, all together! So much to see and do makes it unmissable! You can get tickets at https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/122199/tickets?sessionId=1048196&sectionId=202432 (You can pay only the booking fee to secure your spot and spread the rest in monthly instalments.)



St Matthew's Church Weekend Away 2027 – Bookings are open

Join us for our Church Weekend Away from **Friday 8-Sunday 10 January 2027**.Expect a refreshing time to unwind, deepen friendships, and grow closer to God. This weekend is for everyone in the church family — all ages, abilities and life stages.

We'll be staying at Quinta Hall, a beautiful mansion with 35 bedrooms, cosy lounges and a spacious meeting room. The grounds are huge, with lakes, woodland, a sports hall and plenty of activities to enjoy. We'd love you to be there — why not come along? Sign up from Sunday: www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/weekend-away

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