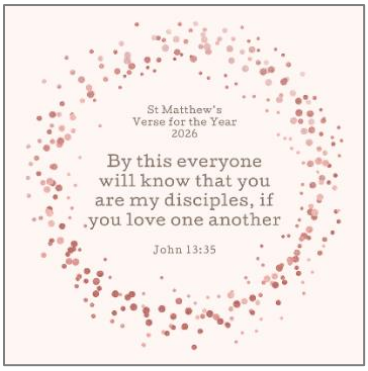


St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin
Sunday 29 November 2026

Worshipping God
Equipping His people
Growing His Kingdom
Serving Walsall

Sun 29 Nov	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 30 Nov	10.00am	- Homegroup (Centre)
Tues 1 Dec	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
Weds 2 Dec	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Bell Ringing
	6.30pm	- Christmas Community Choir (Church)
Thurs 3 Dec	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Rehearsals
Fri 4 Dec	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	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

For St Matthew's Christmas services, see following pages

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

Prayer requests – Please continue to pray for Iris Taylor's manager's granddaughter, Poppy Russell, Sue Webster's nephew's wife, Jane, Joan Cartridge, Joan Nock, Sue Webster, Maureen Platt, Iris Taylor and Iris Mallaband.



10.45am service

Sunday 29 November sees the start of Advent – the build up towards the birth of Jesus. Please come and listen to Rev Yemi as he preaches on this special seasonal day.



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 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.

Children's Church over Advent and Christmas

Date	Service/Event	Where the children are
29 November	All Age Communion	In Church – no groups
6 December	Civic Carol Service	Party in Church Centre
13 December	Children's Church session	In Church Centre as normal
20 December	Dress-up nativity	In Church – no groups
27 December	Christmas Praise	In Church – no groups
3 January	All Together Worship	In Church – no groups
10 January	Church Weekend Away	In Church – no groups
17 January	Children's Church session	In Church Centre – back to normal

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.

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

Help with litter picking locally

There is an organised litter pick on **9 January** in Palfrey and **20 February** in the Town Centre. Please join in if you can help.

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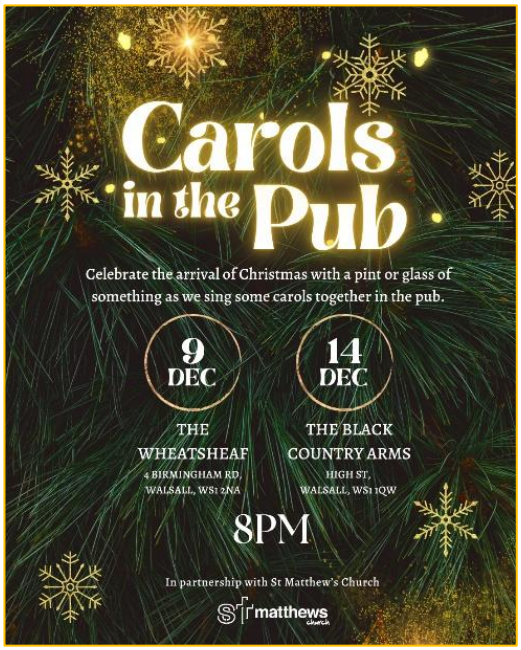


Deck the Mall – join us for carols around Walsall!

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

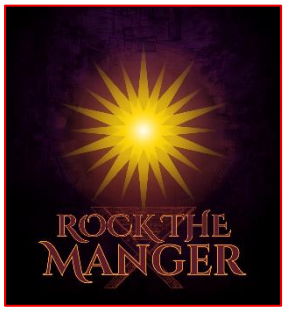
Carols in the Pub – join us for festive cheer!



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!



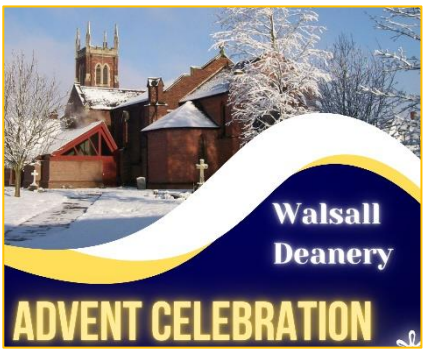
Bring your loudest singing voice to Rock the Manger!

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!

Walsall Deanery Advent celebration

Join us from across the deanery as we pray, sing and celebrate Advent together: *"The people living in darkness have seen a great light…"*

Thursday 3 December in St Michael & All Angels Church, Pelsall at 7.30pm. All are welcome!





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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