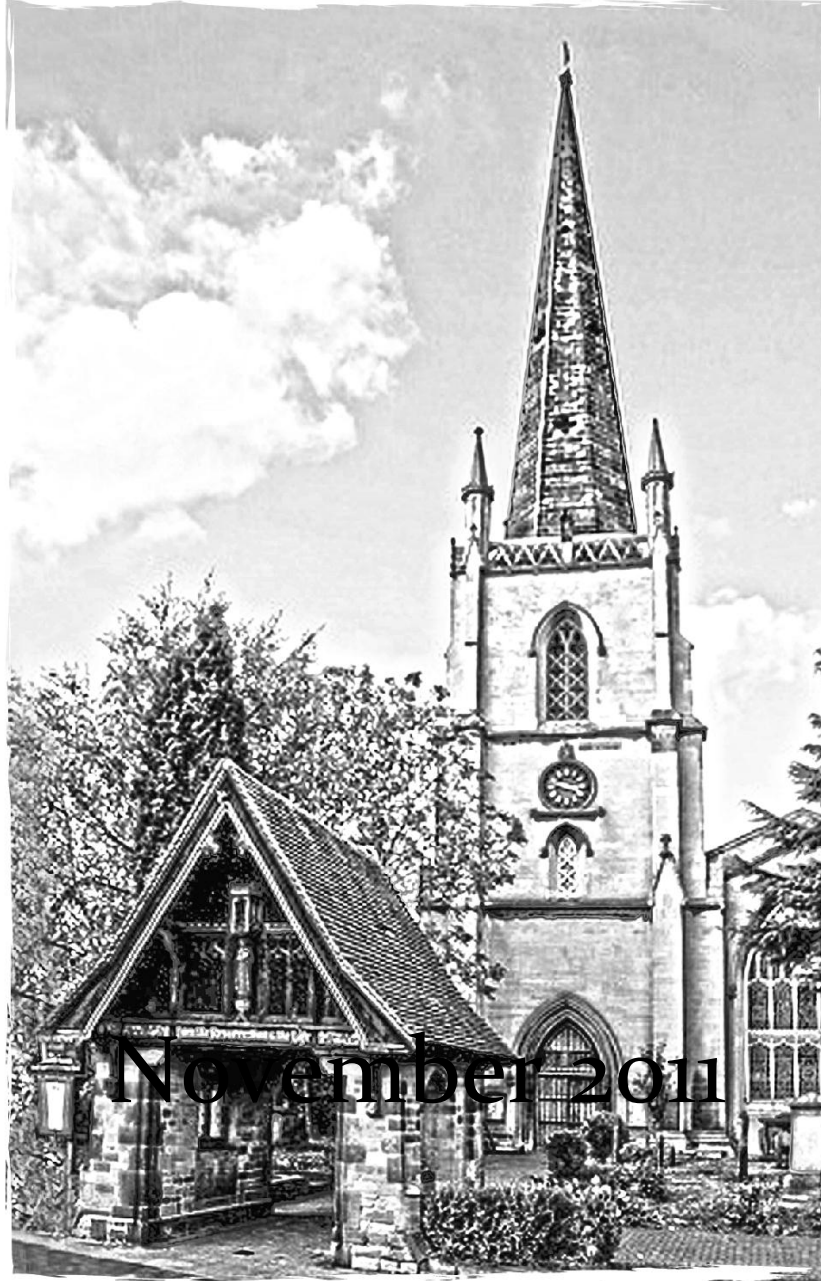


St matthews church

Prayer Diary



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St. Matthew's aims to be an Acts 2 Church, a church that is open to all, a church that is a place of prayer, following the date is the title of the prayer for that day and this could be used for personal meditation. Then there is a short

prepared prayer which can be used alongside personal response or as a collective response.

You will notice that this month we are asking for prayers for the residents who live in St Matthew's Parish boundary. After each day there are listed two roads, streets, closes or blocks of flats. Over the next few months all the residences will be covered.

Prayer Diary Team.

Tuesday 1st November: Planning for Messy Church.

Father, we thank you for all those who are willing to give up their time to be part of the Messy Church team. We see that this is a vital part of reaching out to families with young children and the sharing of the Good News of your love. Be with the team as they meet this evening to plan the next event. Inspire them with ideas and enthusiasm for this work in your name. Amen. Please pray for the residents of Bath Street and Barleyfield House.

Wednesday 2nd November: Sharing faith at Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools.

Dear Father, we pray for Colin over the next two mornings as he leads the assemblies at our church primary schools. We ask that he is able to use his skills of talking about you to be able to connect with all the children. May they see through Colin the wonder and might of your love for us. We pray too for all the staff at the schools that they are able to show witness to the Christian faith. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Beaconsfield Court and Bell Road.

Thursday 3rd November: Alpha Course 6 – “How can I be sure of my faith.”

Lord, this is a big question that many of us ask ourselves regularly. We pray for the speaker this evening to give guidance and reassurance to all those who are present. Be in the hearts and minds of the table leaders that they have the confidence to speak with a passion of their own faith and are able to answer the searching questions of those attending the Alpha course who are seeking to discover you. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Belvidere Road, Birmingham Road.

Friday 4th November: Street Ministry and Pastors.

Dear Lord, we pray for these two teams, drawn from churches across Walsall, as they are out in our town centre giving witness to those enjoying friends company and entertainment during the evening. We pray for their

safety if they have to mediate between couples or groups involved in arguments fuelled by excessive alcohol. Arm them with words of patience and understanding. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Beacon Drive and Spring Court.

Saturday 5th November: Bonfire Night.

Lord, we are reminded of the conflict between different parts of the Christian Church over the centuries on this historic date. We pray for unity between all Christians whichever style of worship we follow. It is all about you Lord. We pray too for the safety of all families as they attend celebratory fire displays and also the fire service and paramedics who often face a busy and dangerous evening. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Broadway and Beech Court.

Sunday 6th November: All age worship and CHP.

“The body is a unit...and though all the parts are many they form one body.”
1 Corinthians 12:v12. Lord we pray for unity through all the services at St Matthew’s today. We pray for the families that attend the 10am service, may both the parents and their children feel welcomed into your presence.

We give thanks for the uplifting worship at Church Hill Praise. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Edward Court and Elmsdale Court.

Monday 7th November: Walsall Council Members.

Dear Lord we pray for all the councillors who serve on our local council. Grant them the wisdom to do so fairly, the ability to do so with skill and the judgement to plan ahead while responding to immediate need. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Parklands Gardens, Boscobel Road.

Tuesday 8th November: Wardens Meeting.

Dear Father we give thanks for the time commitment shown by our church warden’s, Heather, Diane, Steve and Mark. Be with them at this evening meeting as they discuss the care and maintenance of the fabric of our church buildings. Lord we pray that a solution can be found on a way to protect the church roof from vandalism and damage. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Broadway North.

Wednesday 9th November: Pastoral Meeting.

Dear Lord, we pray for the members of the pastoral team. As you Lord minister to us, we are then called to minister unto each other. May your Spirit, which shows compassion and love to the ill, lonely and bereaved, be present

at the meeting. We ask that you are with each individual member of the team as they make home visits to take and share Holy Communion. Amen
Please pray for the residents of The Crescent and Keble Grove.

Thursday 10th November: Alpha course 'Why read the Bible'

Dear God, may your guiding hand be on tonight's Alpha course, leading the speaker and directing the discussions. We give thanks for the Bible, and pray that, for all of us, it may become ever more central in our lives, helping our faith to become deeper day-by-day. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Christchurch Grove, Magdalene Road

Friday 11th November: Armistice Day - Peace

You are a God of peace and we pray that your peace may flow through the world. May there be peace between countries, peace between peoples, peace in our streets, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. Help us to be peacemakers for you, bringing your love where there is conflict, and bringing your peace where there is unrest. Amen
Please pray for the residents of New College Close and St Catherine's Close.

Saturday 12th November: Alpha course awayday 'Holy Spirit'

Our Father, we ask that you may bless this special day for those on the Alpha course. May the organisation go well; may each person there hear your message; may there be a real sense of fellowship and may everyone there grow in their faith and love for you. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Brookhouse Road, Caldmore Road

Sunday 13th November: Remembrance day – world conflicts

We pray for all those who have been injured or bereaved in the conflicts around the world. We pray especially for those in our own armed services who have been wounded or killed in action, and for their families and friends. We give thanks that men and women are willing to put their lives at risk defending our country, and we ask that all who have suffered may be filled with your comfort and healing. Amen
Please pray for the residents of Earls Court and Canute Close.

Monday 14th November: Blue Coats Schools and the Blue Coats Festival

May your blessings be on Blue Coats Schools, and may the pupils be aware of your love for them. Please guide the Head teachers and the governors in their work, giving them the wisdom and the vision they need. We pray too for

this week's Blue Coats Festival, and ask that it will be a time of fun and of growth for all who take part. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Corporation Street West and Dandy's Walk.

Tuesday 15th November: Our focus on the things of God

Lord I am preoccupied with time – show me your timelessness;

I'm preoccupied with things that fade away – show me your permanence;

I'm preoccupied with passing days – show me your immortality;

I'm preoccupied with my future – show me your great design;

I'm preoccupied with my busyness – show me your eternity.

Please pray for the residents of Emery Street and Emery Court.

Wednesday 16th November: Missionary Abroad.

Dear God, we thank you for the work of Alison Giblett, the missionary we support in Russia. It is wonderful that her time in Moldova was so blessed, with so much healing among those she was working with. We pray you will guide her church in Kiev, giving it wisdom and courage to witness effectively for you. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Flinkford Close and Gorway Close.

Thursday 17th November: Alpha course 'Why and how to pray'

We all have so much to learn about prayer. Dear God, may you open the eyes of those on the Alpha course, and all at St Matthews, to its power and to the joy of talking with you and seeking your will. Please help us to pray more and to pray with greater faith. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Little Gorway and Gorway Gardens.

Friday 18th November: Liz Chamberlain's training course

We thank you dear God for bringing Liz to us – we thank you for her teaching, her pastoral care, her spirituality and her fun. We ask that you will be with her over the next couple of days on her training course, meeting her needs and equipping her evermore to do the work you want her to do. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Gorway Road and Hanch Place.

Saturday 19th November: The fellowship of St Matthews

Dear God, we thank you for the sense of fellowship at St Matthews that comes through the worship together and also through the friendships and the love that are shared. May that love be clearly apparent in tonight's quiz, and may it be a time of great enjoyment for both those in the church family and for any visitors that may come along. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Grove Terrace and Hart Street.

Sunday 20th November: Blue Coat Sunday 'All God's Children'

Dear Father, we thank you for our Blue Coat Schools, for all the pupils and all the staff who work in them. We give thanks dear Lord for all the children and young people who come along to St Matthews – for those in the crèche and at the toddler group, for those who come this Sunday morning, for those at the 6.30 services, for those who come each week from Blue Coats. We are blessed by them all. It is a joy to see and hear them in church, and we pray that, through our actions and words, we will nurture their faith and help it to grow. Amen

Please pray for the residents of Highgate Avenue and Highgate Road.

Monday 21st November: Worship Team.

Dear Father, please bless all the members of our Worship team who meet to plan our services. Help them to be full of ideas for new ways in which to glorify your name. May you be present in everything they talk, plan and pray about. We also thank you for all the people who help in our services each week, the wardens, the welcomers, the servers, the leaders and all who help serving refreshments after the services. Help us to appreciate their commitment to St. Matthew's and give them the strength to continue in their fellowship. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Jesson Close and Jesson Court.

Tuesday 22nd November: Cluster Clergy and PCC Meetings.

Dear Father, please bless and guide all the other clergy in our cluster group as they meet tonight and also our PCC members who are meeting tonight as well. May each church and committee member help and support each other. Please guide them all in any decisions they make so that they see the paths and direction that you wish them to follow. We pray that through your guidance your church in Walsall will grow stronger in both faith and in numbers. Amen.

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

Wednesday 23rd November: Toddler Group.

Dear Father, as our Toddler Group meets today we ask you to bless all the children and also the parents and carers who bring them. May they enjoy their time in play and fellowship and help the leaders to encourage them all to become part of St Matthew's larger church family and join in other activities within the church. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Lincoln Road and Little Caldmore.

Thursday 24th November: Last session of Alpha “ What about the church”

Dear Father, as our Alpha course reaches its final session tonight, we pray for those who have attended and especially for all those who have helped run this course. A tremendous amount of time and effort has been put into the organisation of this event and we thank you for the dedication of all the people involved. Please be with all those who attended the course and we pray that they have found the answers they were seeking and that they will wish to learn more about you and become part of St Matthew's family. Amen. Please pray for the residents of Loriners Grove and Lysways Court.

Friday 25th November: Our Clergy.

Dear Father, today we pray especially for Colin and Liz, our vicar and curate. Please give them the strength and energy to deal with all the work that is generated by a large parish such as ours. We pray for your spirit to inspire them in all that they do and thank you for the guidance and support they give to the congregation. Help them to continue to provide the opportunity and encouragement for people to meet with you Lord. We also ask you to bless their families and thank you for the support that they provide to each of them. Amen. Please pray for the residents of Lysways Street and Lysways Street: Highgate Court.

Saturday 26th November: Church Clean Up.

Dear Father, we thank you for all the people who will give up their time today to clean and prepare your church ready for Christmas. We pray that the invitations, which will be delivered to all the houses in our area, will make people think about the real meaning of Christmas and make them want to learn more about the good news of your birth. Please help these people to make the first step and bring them into church over the Christmas season. We pray also for those responsible for planning our Christmas events. Please give them the insight to think of new ways to encourage more people into church and the energy to carry them out. Amen. Please pray for the residents of Maret Court, Mandeville Gardens.

Sunday 27th November: Advent Sunday.

Dear Father, we pray for all those who will be attending today's Advent Sunday services and especially for George Fisher who will be preaching. As we prepare for Christmas, help us find time in our busy lives to reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of Jesus' birth to make our lives more worthy of all that you have done for us through the coming of your son.

We also pray for the Healing Service held at St Luke's tonight and ask you to be with all those who attend, seeking your help with problems in their lives. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Mount Street and Whiston House.

Monday 28th November: Lee Norfolk.

Dear Father, today we thank you for sending Lee Norfolk to us to work with the youth of our parish. Please let him find friendship and fellowship within St Matthew's, help him to settle into our community and to soon feel part of it. We also ask you to guide him in his ministry and help him in his studies as he trains to be youth worker. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Orlando Gardens, Orlando House.

Tuesday 29th November: Town Centre Ministry Meeting.

Dear Father, we ask for your blessing on each member of the Town Centre Ministry who are meeting tonight. Keep their faith strong and give them the support of your Holy Spirit so that they may continue to minister and lead forward all their congregations. Please give them the energy and wisdom to help their churches grow in faith and unity. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Orwell Road and Porterfield House.

Wednesday 30th November: After School Club.

Dear Father, we pray today for the Messy Church Club, which will be meeting at Blue Coat Junior School tomorrow. May all the children that attend have fun and enjoy learning more about you and your overwhelming love for them through fellowship and doing craft activities together. Thank you for the dedication of Liz who leads this group and the other helpers Ray, Ben and Rosemary. Help them to show to the children how good it feels to have Jesus in their lives. Amen.

Please pray for the residents of Princes Avenue, Woodcutter Close.