

Saturday 25 Today we have St Matthew's walk and picnic in Sutton Park. Pray that this will be a great time to build relationships and grow in unity. Don't forget to pray for good weather!

**"May they be brought to complete unity  
to let the world know that you sent me." – John 17:23**

Sunday 26 It's the Mayor's Civic Service this morning. Please pray for our new Mayor Gary Perry, who is a Christian and goes to Pelsall Church, that he will be a blessing to the people of Walsall.

Monday 27 Give thanks for our Craft Group, for the fellowship they provide and the generosity with which they support so much of the life of St Matthew's.

Tuesday 28 We need to put in a lot of preparation for the Alpha course, which starts in September, before the summer break. Pray that people will be motivated to serve in catering, welcoming, publicising, leading discussion groups and above all in getting others along to find out more about God.

Wednesday 29 Give thanks for our website, which is drawing many admiring comments from online visitors. Pray that God will speak to them and draw them into closer relationship with Himself.

Thursday 30 The number one priority in our Mission Action Plan this year is Unity. Pray that we may grow as one body in fellowship, unity and love, just as the Lord desires for us: and pray against arguments, misunderstandings and division.

June Missionary Focus: **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

We had a most wonderful visit from Peter and Judy de Bourcier from the Mission Aviation Fellowship in May! Watch out for them as they return to Church Hill Praise on 24 July.

- Give thanks for their amazing work in bringing the Gospel to far flung, difficult to reach communities who without MAF would never hear about Jesus.
- Give thanks for the emergency relief work that MAF are able to provide because of their experience and their resources on the ground in undeveloped and often very poor countries.
- Pray for the resources they need in pilots, aircraft, training and finance. MAF UK has made it a goal to double the number of flights it supports: pray that God will do this!



# Prayer News



**June 2011**

**St Matthew's aims to be an Acts 2 Church,  
valuing Awe, Unity, Generosity, Hospitality and Growth.**

***Behold how good and pleasant it is,  
when brothers dwell in unity – Psalm 133***

Sunday 5 Pray for those being baptised at the all-age service today – Poppy, Jayden and Ruby – asking that God's love would be made known to their families and friends.

Monday 6 Give thanks for great news for Blue Coat Comp! Ofsted have taken the school out of notice to improve and rated it *satisfactory* – and *good* in many areas. Thanks for your prayers.

Tuesday 7 Please remember our new team of wardens as we meet tonight: Steve, Helen, Diane and Mark: pray for their take up of new roles and give thanks for all Graham did for us.

Wednesday 8 Blue Coat Infants are in church this week doing an Open Doors project with us. Pray that the children may know God's love all around them from their earliest years.

Thursday 9 Please keep the Barkers in your prayers after Martin's sudden death – sometimes it's only after the funeral that it all sinks in. Don't forget to give thanks for Martin's life and faith!

Friday 10 Our Home Group Leaders meet tonight. Give thanks for their care, hospitality and encouragement to others and pray that they themselves may be encouraged and supported.

Saturday 11 There's a lot happening today! Pray for Town Centre Ministry's Party by the Sea, for the Radiance spirituality day at the Cathedral, and especially that Messy Church will continue to attract large numbers of parents and kids.

***We were all baptised by one Spirit into one body –  
1 Corinthians 12:13***

Sunday 12 Pentecost is a great day to pray for revival power in St Matthew's and in God's church everywhere!

Monday 13 Pray for all our young people who are doing exams at the moment, in schools and universities. Pray against anxiety and pray that they may be able to get the grades they need.

Tuesday 14 Give thanks for Faithworks – a team of 6 young people giving a year to serve God in Walsall, starting this summer. Pray that all their planning and preparation will be shaped by God.

Wednesday 15 We are so blessed to have the Asian Congregation as part of St Matthew's Church family. Give thanks that they have pulled through a difficult patch and are growing in confidence and numbers again; and for their wonderful radio outreach.

Thursday 16 Pray for Liz Chamberlain as she goes off on retreat prior to the Priesting service on Saturday – may God meet with her very deeply and prepare her for a new phase of ministry.

Friday 17 Please pray for our re-ordering project, which continues to make steady progress behind the scenes. Pray that the proposals will end up just right for our needs as a growing, witnessing and worshipping people. Pray especially for the funding we are going to need!

Saturday 18 Please pray for all those curates, including Liz, to be priested tonight at St Matthew's, that the service will be a great blessing to them and all their families and friends.

***"May all of them be one, Father,  
just as you are in me and I am in you." – John 17:21***

Sunday 19 On Trinity Sunday pray that we may all be led deeper into the mystery of God's infinite, wonderful love.

Monday 20 There's a Diocesan Renewal evening at St Jude's Wolverhampton on Wednesday. May there be such an outpouring of God's Spirit that hearts and churches will be transformed!

Tuesday 21 Pray for Adrian as he manages our Centre and juggles all the bookings and different demands. Pray too that we may find ways to build links with all the various Centre user groups and be a witness and a blessing to them.

Wednesday 22 Give thanks for our office and admin team as we hold a staff meeting today and pray for guidance as we seek to review St Matthew's structures during the year ahead.

Thursday 23 The PCC are meeting tonight. Ask the Father that in every way our life together as a church would reflect His ways and that our discussions will further the cause of His kingdom.

Friday 24 We are so blessed to have Liz Burley as our Family and Children's worker! Keep praying that all she does will continue to be fruitful and encouraging.