

***After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit – Acts 4:31***

Sunday 24 Today's Sunday services follow the theme of Prayer. Let's continue to pray that the Spirit of intercession will take hold of St Matthew's.

Monday 25 Please pray for our ministry to residential homes in Acorns, Bescot House, Crossways, Gorway House, HighView and Maryvale with thanks for those who carry out this vital ministry.

Tuesday 26 Give thanks for the ministry of women who do so much to sustain our life together and pray for the Ladies' Fellowship who are due to meet tonight.

Wednesday 27 Give thanks for the way that business at the Centre has grown under Adrian's direction and pray that this may continue.

Thursday 28 Our home groups are a key element in our pastoral strategy. Give thanks for the dedication of their leaders and please constantly be upholding them in prayer in this demanding ministry.

Friday 29 George Fisher has a demanding ministry all over the Diocese but he looks to us for support as his home church. Please pray that he may constantly be encouraged as he sees God at work in many places through his ministry.

Saturday 30 The Asian Congregation has a 24 hour prayer chain today. Give thanks for their dedication to prayer and love for the Lord and pray for their growth in grace and in numbers.

Sunday 31 With Halloween coming, give thanks that the light of Jesus outshines the darkness! Pray too for our all-age service (which is on this theme) that His light may shine brightly in us.

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### **Missionary News**

Steve Simmonds is still in the Church Army and still working with Street Pastors to reach pubbers and clubbers – but he's now doing it back in the West Midlands in Wolverhampton.

- Please pray that Steve and family will settle in well in a new environment.
- Ask that there may be the encouragement of a good team working together to reach street people.
- Give thanks for Steve's great gifts in this area.



# *Prayer News*



***October 2010***

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

***Ask and it will be given you – Luke 11:9***

Sunday 3 As we celebrate harvest today, please give thanks for the Glebe Centre who look after homeless people in Walsall and pray for their ministry, which our harvest gifts will support.

Monday 4 I have been asked to share with the church that our giving is some £9,000 lower than the same period last year. This reduction in income is unsustainable. As a first step I call St Matthew's to pray and ask that God would provide for our needs.

Tuesday 5 Please pray for our wardens, who meet tonight, and that we may find the right person to fill our vacant 4th warden post.

Wed 6 Our course on prayer for healing starts tonight. Please pray for everyone on the course and for a revival of the healing ministry at St Matthew's!

Thursday 7 Alpha starts at the Wheatsheaf tonight. Please pray that our guests may relax and enjoy the atmosphere and feel free to discuss deep questions about the meaning of life.

Friday 8 Tomorrow is the Diocesan Renewal Conference. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to bless this meeting at the Cathedral and renew churches throughout our diocese.

Saturday 9 The Diocesan Renewal Conference is followed by Go4it, a youth event at which our own *The Rumour* are leading worship. Pray for lots of young people to go and be blessed!

***Jesus told them this to show that they should always pray and not give up – Luke 18:1***

Sunday 10 Our theme today as we follow our series on the Mission Action Plan is Worship. Pray that worship at St Matt's will be more and more uplifting and enriching and give thanks for our worship leader Ray.

Monday 11 Please pray for Mike and Anne Tolley who have yet another family funeral, Mike's mum Inge's, tomorrow.

Tuesday 12 The Church Council meets tonight. Give thanks for people willing to take up this service and pray for godly wisdom to move St Matthew's forward into growth effectively.

Wed 13 Please keep praying for children's church and for Liz Burley as she builds up this exciting and important role.

Thursday 14 Give thanks that Liz has settled in well at St Matthew's and ask God's encouragement on her training day today. And don't forget to pray for Alpha #2 on "Who is Jesus?"

Friday 15 Many of our young people have been at university for a few weeks. Some are there for the first time. Pray that they may find their feet and continue in the Christian life and fellowship.

Saturday 16 Many of our older members receive support and encouragement from our dedicated team of pastoral care visitors. Please pray that the ill and housebound may continue to be encouraged by this ministry.

***Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete – John 16:24***

Sunday 17 This Sunday we are holding a healing service. Please pray for Roger Vaughan as he comes to preach, that people will come expectantly, and that God's grace will be poured out.

Monday 18 Queen Mary's School are coming into church for their Speech Day service this week. Give thanks for the great Christian witness in the school through the JCU and pray that this may grow.

Tuesday 19 We are holding the second in a series of monthly prayer meetings in church tonight. Prayer is the engine room of the church – pray that St Matthew's may have a deep heart for prayer.

Wed 20 It's a good day to give thanks and pray for our parish schools as we meet to prepare for Blue Coat Sunday, coming soon.

Thursday 21 *Why did Jesus die?* is the theme for tonight's Alpha. Please pray that everyone would see the love shown for them on the Cross clearly for themselves.

Friday 22 Do keep on praying for our reordering project, for good decisions and God's best future for our church.

Saturday 23 Give thanks for Rhiannon (who came to Church Hill Praise for many years) and Paul who are married today! Ask God's blessing on their special day.