

Monday 26 Blue Coat Comprehensive face many challenges at present as it steers towards becoming an academy, seeking to build up the level of achievement and the reputation of the school. Please pray for Pat the head teacher and for David Tonks and all on the Interim Executive Board.

Tuesday 27 Pray too for Blue Coat Infants and Juniors as they seek to build on recent successes through a process of federation. Remember head teachers Judith and Jackie and heads of governors Dorothy and Margaret Tonks in your prayers.

Wednesday 28 Give thanks for all the groups who come in to our Centre. We don't have that much to do with many of them other than renting them some space. Ask that we may build bridges to them and find ways to share God's love.

Thursday 29 **The Alpha Course starts tonight!** Please pray for a great atmosphere so people can feel welcomed and free to share.

Friday 30 St Matthew's Prayer News will soon be no more! It is being replaced by a Prayer Diary, produced by Patti Lane, Rosemary Roberts and Jeremy Sargent. Please pray for the team to have insight into God's purposes for St Matthew's as they lead us in prayer in this way. Pray too that the Diary will stimulate us to become a people who bring everything to God in prayer.

August Missionary Focus: **Alison Giblett CMS**

We've just had an inspiring visit from Paul and Lesley Evans! We will feature them in next month's revitalised Prayer Diary as it is in October that they return to Zimbabwe. Pray for their preparations.

In the meantime Alison has just returned to Ukraine to resume her work among people struggling with drug and alcohol dependency. Pray for:

- A new level one group starting the Genesis Process (the rehabilitation course which seeks God's power to change lives)
- The launch for the first time in the Ukraine of a level two course. Alison also asks for prayer as she teaches this course to Christian Rehab leaders.
- Alison's trip to Moldova to teach a two week module on addiction to social work students in the college of Theology and Education.
- for Alison herself to have wisdom to know which of various new opportunities before her to follow through.



# Prayer News



## Alpha

*Please pray every day for the Alpha Course!*

**September 2011**

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

Sunday 4 Please pray for the children to be baptised in the morning service today – Olivia, Henry and Max – and for their families to know what it means to promise, "I turn to Christ."

Monday 5 Great News! We have a trainee youth worker coming to minister with us from later this month, Lee Norfolk. Lee will be doing a three year course in youth work and will be on placement with us. Please pray for accommodation, for blessing on his ministry and for the academic side of things!

Tuesday 6 Our wardens meet tonight – pray for wisdom and vision in their leadership roles. Also pray for the Messy Church Team as they meet to plan for next time.

Wednesday 7 Please pray for our staff and the office as we meet today. Ask for God's blessing on our forthcoming audit as we seek to overhaul our administration, communications and structures to serve the Lord more effectively.

Thursday 8 **The Alpha Course starts three weeks tonight!** Please pray the people in as invitations, posters and flyers are all being circulated. Above all pray for those personal invitations – "Will you come with me...?"

Friday 9 Members of our Asian congregation are deeply concerned about the wild and lawless situation back in Pakistan. Please pray for peace and repentance from violent ways.

Saturday 10 Please pray for the Gibsons – it's eldest daughter Saara's wedding to Tom today!

Sunday 11 Give thanks for Jesus, the Son of David, today as we focus on David's legacy in our teaching series and pray for Liz who is in charge while Colin is off for the wedding.

Monday 12 Give thanks for our craft group, restarting after the summer break, and for shared fellowship and encouragement.

Tuesday 13 Tonight there is a debrief meeting after the Holiday Club. Give thanks for a wonderful week and pray that we will see how to do even better next time!

Wednesday 14 The Pastoral Care Group meets today – give thanks for the care and support they give to many of our members and pray that no-one at St Matthew's will feel lonely or left out.

Thursday 15 **The Alpha Course starts two weeks tonight!** Please pray for all the support elements – the food, the welcome, the setting up and clearing away – to go really smoothly and well.

Friday 16 The Faithworks project is under way! Pray for Ben, Caz, Chris, Izzie, Jen and Scott to have the Spirit's anointing as they seek to serve God and reach out to young people in Walsall.

Saturday 17 St Matthew's audit launches tomorrow! Please pray for John Truscott, who is carrying it out, that he may be filled with wisdom and insight for our future planning.

Sunday 18 Today we are celebrating St Matthew's day - it's the nearest Sunday to the 21st. We are holding a single service at 2.30pm to promote our unity. Pray for the blessing the Lord commands when we gather together as one in Him.

Monday 19 Lee Norfolk should be finishing his induction at uni and getting ready to join us soon. Please pray for all needs for accommodation, support and structures to be met.

Tuesday 20 The Church Council meets tonight with a lot to think about – the audit, our youth ministry, lunch club etc... Please ask God to keep us in His will.

Wednesday 21 Please continue to pray today for John Truscott as he takes our input from the audit away with him and mulls it over. Give thanks for John's vast experience and openness to God.

Thursday 22 **The Alpha Course starts one week tonight!** In fact we have a prayer meeting for Alpha going on tonight. Even if you can't be there, you can join us for prayer wherever you are and ask the Holy Spirit to fill our course and lead many to Jesus.

Friday 23 The Hub – the Christian resource centre at The Crossing – seeks your prayers for the future after a year of disappointing sales. Please also pray about your own sourcing of Christian books and other resources...

Saturday 24 Please pray for Amanda and Patrick, to be married today, and for all attending the Larger Churches conference today to receive fresh vision for St Matthew's.

Sunday 25 It's Back to Church Sunday. Please pray that our guests will respond to the love of Christ and will want more! Pray that our speakers will present the gospel with soul-winning power.