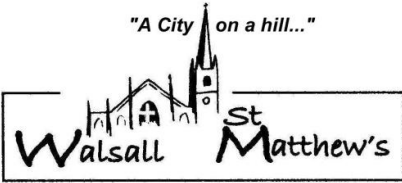


"A City on a hill..."



# Smatterings

10 October 2010



## **Services 10 October: 19 after Trinity**

- 8.00am BCP Communion
- 10.00am Communion + Children's Church
- 3.00pm St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
- 3.45pm BCP Evensong
- 6.30pm Church Hill Praise

Theme: *Mission Action Plan #4 – Worship: John 4:19-26*

**All items for next week's Smatterings to the Office  
or the Rector by Wednesday please.**

## ***This Week:-***

Mon 11	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 12	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.30	funeral of Inge Tolley	Stafford
	12.30	Blue Coat Jrs Harvest Service	Church
	7.15	(for 7.30) DCC meeting	Centre
Wed 13	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	10.15	Selwyn Lectures	Cathedral
	2.00	burial of ashes	Church
	7.30	all-age service planning team	Rectory
Thur 14	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	9.45	Staff meeting	Centre
	7.30	Alpha #2	Wheatsheaf
Fri 15	8.30	Blue Coat Comp Service	Church
Sat 16	10.00	Prayer Hour	

## *Notices*

**Healing Service 10am next Sunday** Next week we welcome the Rev Preb Roger Vaughan to preach at 10 o' clock. Roger has pioneered the healing ministry in Lichfield Diocese and nationally and is an author on the subject. There will be time to pray for people in need of healing in this service. Please come expectantly.

**Many Thanks** to those who decorated the Church so beautifully for Harvest last weekend. I have received many admiring comments!

**Church Council Meeting on Tuesday:** DCC members please collect your agendas and minutes from the pigeonholes.

**Christian Resources Exhibition!** This event will take place in Telford from 21 to 23 October, and offers a fantastic opportunity to be inspired by all the great resources on offer to support our ministry and worship. Tickets are £5 if bought online (£4 for groups of 5 or more) or £7 on the door. It would be great to send a group along to find out what's out there!

**Stop press:** admission to the exhibition is free if you attend the Messy Morning workshop on Sat 23 Oct! See Liz Burley for more details or go to [www.creonline.co.uk](http://www.creonline.co.uk).

**Next all-age service Sunday 31 October** Please note that the 10am service 3 weeks today will be an all-age service, not Holy Communion. This is because Blue Coat Sunday will take place on the first Sunday in November. The theme on the 31<sup>st</sup> will be an anti-Halloween party.

**The Church Cleaning Team Needs You!** We meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings in Church for a couple of hours and it is fun to share together in this simple act of service. Please come and give us a hand.

**St Matthew's Financial Situation:** 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. Secondly I wonder how many of us could afford to increase our giving by just £1 per week. If each one of the 200 or so who come fairly regularly to worship with us did so we would raise more than £10,000 a year...

**Fireworks!** On Friday 5 November at 7.30pm the Archbishop of Canterbury will be interviewed by top comedian Tim Vine in an event called *Fireworks* at The Stadium Suite, Walsall Football Club. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to ask their own questions. Tickets are £10 each to include supper. To order your tickets please send a cheque, payable to "LDBF" to *Church on Fire / Fire Works*, Saint Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD.

### *Church Diary:-*

19 October	7.30	Prayer Meeting	Church
21-23 October		Christian Resources Exhibition	Telford
23 October	2.00	wedding – Rhiannon & Paul	Church
26 October		Ladies' Fellowship	Centre
31 October	10.00	all-age service	Church
5 November	7.30	<i>Fireworks</i> with Archbishop Rowan	Bescot stdm
6 November	1.00	wedding – Jenny & Matthew	Church
7 November	10.00	Blue Coat Sunday	Church
13 November	10.00	Christmas Fayre	Centre
14 November	<b>10.15</b>	Remembrance Service	Church

## **Services 17 October: 20 after Trinity**

- 8.00am BCP Communion
- 10.00am Healing Service with the Rev Preb Roger Vaughan
- 12 noon shortened BCP communion
- 3.00pm St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
- 6.30pm Church Hill Praise

**Theme: *Healing***

## *For Your Prayers...*

**Give thanks** for a good start to the Alpha Course last Thursday.

**Making Christ Known:** Please pray for the Healing Service next Sunday, for people to come with expectation and for God's healing power and love.

**The World:** For peace talks between Israel and Palestine to succeed at last.

**For Healing:** Ben Fiaz, Doreen Barnett, Julie Riggan, Sara Myatt, Louise Partridge, Joan Nock, Audrey Draper, Wendy Ross, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson, Don Brotherton.

**Rest in Peace:** Inge Borg (Tolley), Gwen Edwards, all named in our Memorial Book: for soldiers and civilians killed in Afghanistan.

### ***Contact Us:-***

<b>Colin Gibson, Rector</b> ct.gibson@tiscali.co.uk	01922-624012
<b>Pastor Fiaz, Asian Minister</b> revlfs@hotmail.com	01922-631814
<b>Liz Chamberlain, Curate</b> lizchamberlainuk@yahoo.co.uk	01922-443362
<b>Ray Chamberlain, Worship Leader</b> chamboray@yahoo.co.uk	01922-443362
<b>Liz Burley, Family and Children's Worker</b> stmatthewschildrenandfamilies@googlemail.com	07725 981956
<b>Church Office</b> - open Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-2pm stmatthewscentre@tiscali.co.uk	01922-626039
<b>Adrian Perks, Centre Manager</b> Mon-Fri 9-4.30 stmatthewsmanager@tiscali.co.uk	01922-626039
<b>Chris &amp; Amy Lane, Church Hill Praise</b> chris_lane1@hotmail.com	01922-615890

***[www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk](http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk)***