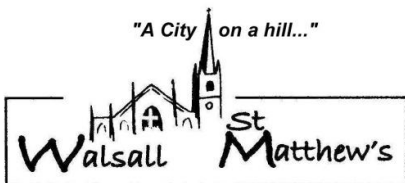


"A City on a hill..."



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12 September 2010



***Back to Church Sunday is in two weeks!  
- Who are you going to invite?***

**Today's services: 15 after Trinity**

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

Theme: Get Ready for Back to Church Sunday: Psalm 139

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

Mon 13	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 14	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	8.00	Men's Group	Royal Hotel
Wed 15	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	7.15	(for 7.30) DCC meeting	Centre
Thur 16	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	12.30	funeral of Angela Woodcock	Streetly
Fri 17	8.30	Blue Coat Comp Service	Church
	12.00	funeral of James Wallace	Church
Sat 18	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	6.30	Urban Spirit (£3.50 for pizza!)	Blue Coat

## ***Notices***

### **St Matthew's Day Celebration *NEXT SUNDAY***

Please watch out for the following changes to our normal Sunday programme on the 19th:

- 12.30 Bring and Share Lunch in St Matthew's Centre. Please sign up TODAY on the list at the back of Church to say what you are going to bring and share. This is a great way for us to enjoy each other's fellowship. The meal will be hosted by Children's Church.
- 2.30 United Service. We want to all worship together as St Matthew's family on St Matthew's Day and remind ourselves that we are one big church, not a collection of little churches that happen to use the same building. Look forward to an inspirational talk from George Fisher and a presentation about rebranding St Matthew's.
- All other services, including the Asian congregation, are cancelled.

**Prayer Meeting Tuesday 21 September in Church at 7.30pm.** The top priority in our Mission Action Plan is prayer but we don't have many opportunities to pray together in a united way at times that suit people. I am therefore holding a monthly prayer meeting, first one on Tuesday week. Please join me if you can! Colin.

**Harvest Supper Friday 1 October** Diane Edlin and Jeremy Sergeant are now looking for talent to take part in our autumnal extravaganza! Can you sing? Act? Dance? Tell stories? Make people laugh? Play an instrument? Then please contact Diane on [diane.edlin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:diane.edlin@tiscali.co.uk) or 626520. And put the date in your diary, we'll have a great night!

**Alpha Course starts Thursday 7 October** and will run on Thursday nights for 8 weeks. The course will take place in the St Matthew's Centre starting with a meal at 7.30pm. If you are new to the Christian faith or not sure about Christianity and want to explore further then Alpha is for you! If you have a friend or family member who wants to know more then Alpha is for them- bring them with you. Contact Colin.

**Spring Harvest 2011:** we have now booked 40 units of accommodation at Spring Harvest in Minehead for 19 -24 April 2011. It will be a great boost to your faith if you can come! Please contact Liz Chamberlain or put your name on the "I want to know more about Spring Harvest" sheet.

**Tony Mills update:** Tony is home! We might even see him in church today. Many thanks everyone for all your love and prayers!

**Men's Group Meeting 8.00pm Tuesday 14 Sept.** Speaker. Richard Jordan. After the meeting a discussion is to be held on the future of Men's Group - could as many men as possible attend.

**Victory!** The Lichfield Diocese has won the 60<sup>th</sup> Church Times Cricket Cup! More news on the Diocesan website [www.lichfield.anglican.org](http://www.lichfield.anglican.org)

**Diocesan Renewal Day Saturday 9 October 10-4.** This is a wonderful day of worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship and life in the Spirit! Join hundreds of Christians from all over the Diocese in Lichfield Cathedral.

- There is also a Youth Event, Go4it, at 7.30 with Andy and Beth Croft from *Soul Survivor* and our own *The Rumour*.

**Emergency First Aid at Work - Saturday 2nd October 9 - 5**

We are offering the opportunity to those involved in Church activities to participate in a Recognised First Aid Qualification for a low risk area (i.e. our Church Activities). In addition to this recognised First Aid Qualification we are adding Paediatric First Aid aimed at those involved in Child services within the Church. Call Paul O'Connor 01922 634062.

***Church Diary:-***

21 September 7.30	Prayer Meeting	Church
<b>26 September</b>	<b><i>Back to Church Sunday</i></b>	
29 September 11.00	Pastoral Care Group	Centre
1 October 7.30	Harvest Supper	Centre
2 October 10.00	Party in the Square	St Paul's
<b>3 October</b>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	
7 October 7.30	Alpha Course starts	Centre
9 October 10-4	Diocesan Renewal Day	Cathedral
7.00	go4it Renewal Day Youth Event	Cathedral

## **Sunday 19 September: *St Matthew's Day***

- 12.30 Bring and Share Lunch Centre
- 2.30 Combined Service Church
- *ALL OTHER SERVICES CANCELLED, PLEASE JOIN US AT 2.30!*

## *For Your Prayers...*

**Give thanks** for Tony's safe return home and continuing recovery.

**Making Christ Known:** For outreach opportunities coming up this autumn through Alpha, Back to Church Sunday, social events etc.

**The World:** For the renewed attempts to bring peace in the Middle East: for the people of Pakistan and the aid agencies seeking to bring them help: for schools including Blue Coat starting out on a new academic year: for Walsall Borough Council as they try to work through impending spending cuts

**For Healing:** Mike Walton, Doreen Barnett, Julie Riggan, Sara Myatt, Louise Partridge, Joan Nock, Betty Callaghan, Audrey Draper, Wendy Ross, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Gwen Edwards, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson, Don Brotherton.

**Rest in Peace:** Angela Woodcock, Marjorie Burrowes, James Wallace, all named in our Memorial Book: for soldiers and civilians killed in Afghanistan.

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