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We welcome everyone who would like prayer for a personal need to our Healing Service this morning.

Services 14 August: 8 after Trinity

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

Theme – David on the run: 1 Samuel 23:13-29

Next Week:-

Tue 16	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Wed 17	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
Thu 18	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Sat 20	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	11.00	<i>More Tea Vicar</i> (surgery hour)	Church

Notices

Summer Break: The following groups are **not** meeting in August:

- Children's Church – resumes Sunday 11 September.
- Creche - Parents are welcome to use the crèche facilities during the 10am service but are asked to ensure that it is left tidy and that children are supervised by parents at all times.
- Craft Group – resumes Monday 5 September.
- Toddler Group – resumes Wednesday 7 September.
- Guides – resumes Wednesday 7 September.
- A number of our home groups (please check with leaders).

Family in need – food required. Please help us to keep the four children of a family who have no means of support at all from going hungry. Please bring donations of food to the box in the porch.

Keeping St Matthew's open. I would love to keep St Matthew's open for whoever wishes call in. Many who drop by have deep encounters with God, especially those who stop to pray or to seek help from us. We can commit to the following times when we have people in already:

- Tuesdays 9.00-12.00am
- Wednesdays 9.00-11.00am
- Fridays 9.00-12.00am

Could you take part in a rota to keep the church open from 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays, offering tea and coffee to passers-by and with a sandwich board to draw them in. To help please call the office and give your name to Maureen. There has already been a good response to this and it looks like we may be able to programme Saturday opening times in from September.

Healing Service 10am today: Marian Masters is speaking about how God has met with her and Keith over the past year. There will be time to receive prayer for healing as we reflect on her message.

Barn Dance Saturday 17th September at Blue Coat senior school 7.30 - 11.30. Fish and Chip supper tickets are priced £6.00 each and need to

be bought before the day so food numbers can be ordered. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets on sale soon via Diane Edlin.

Alpha Course As well as the banners, Alpha posters are now in place to promote our Alpha Course starting in September. In addition we have printed flyers and invitations to encourage people to come along. Now is the time to start thinking and praying about who you are going to invite to come with you to Alpha!

Back to Church Sunday 25 September Invitations are also now available for Back to Church Sunday. If each of us could bring one person who doesn't usually come to church with us on that day, we would double the congregation in a single day! What a vision! Research shows that well over 100,000 people nationally have come *back to church* since Back to Church Sunday began.

Rioting Response The initial response has rightly been to suppress the riots and restore peace and order. When that monumental task is over and people can walk the streets safely again, we need to ask why did it all happen? Why do so many people have no sense of right and wrong? How can people feel they have nothing to lose by trashing their own communities? What can be done to stop the madness from happening all over again? Important as the provision of more things for young people to do with their time may be, I think a more fundamental approach is also needed. If we keep on telling people that they are just animals, without meaning and purpose, how can it surprise us when they start to act like it? Matters of faith in God and accountability to Him, shared values, the integrity of the family and being good neighbours are basic to Christianity and are also vital to our future as a nation. It's a long haul, so please keep praying! Let's be salt and light in our world.

Church Diary:

Saturday 3 Sept	More Tea Vicar? (surgery hour)	Church
Sunday 4 September	all-age service	Church
Saturday 17 Sept	Barn Dance	BC Comp
Sunday 18 Sept	St Matthew's Day: combined service at 2.30pm	
	Start of church Audit	
Tuesday 20 Sept	PCC meeting	Centre
Wednesday 21 Sept	More Tea Vicar? (surgery hour)	Centre
Thursday 22 Sept	Alpha Prayer night	Centre
Saturday 24 Sept	Larger Churches Conference	Stafford
Sunday 25 Sept	Back to Church Sunday	Church
Thursday 29 Sept	Alpha Course starts	Centre

Services 21 August: 9 after Trinity

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	Communion with guest speakers Paul and Lesley Evans
12 noon	shortened BCP communion
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

Theme – David and Saul: 1 Samuel 24:1-17

For Your Prayers...

Give thanks for our wonderful young people who led Summer Mission in Walsall this week, with all sorts of participative activities to bless and serve the people of Walsall.

Making Christ Known: Pray for the Alpha Course as we launch posters and invitations this week – who are you going to invite?

The World: Let's continue to pray for the rebuilding of our country spiritually and morally even after the riots have stopped.

For Healing: Ray Chamberlain's mum Win, baby Ellie Chapman, Daniel Townsend, Joan Elliott-Bates, Pauline Shepherd, Brian White, Pauline Bayley, William Bates, Patricia Smyth, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson.

Rest in Peace: All named in our Memorial Book.

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