



Harvest

Services 2 October: 15 after Trinity

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	All-age worship + Baptisms
12 noon	Shortened BCP communion
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise + communion

Theme – Harvest Thanksgiving

This Week

Mon 3	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 4	8.45	morning prayer	Church
	7.30	wardens meeting	Rectory
Wed 5	9.15	toddler group	Centre
	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	6.30	Brownies (welcome back!)	Centre
	7.30	Guides	Centre
	7.30	Home Group Leaders	Rectory
Thu 6	8.45	morning prayer	Church
	7.30	Alpha Course session #2	Centre
Fri 7	8.30	Blue Coat Comp service	Church
Sat 8	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	10.00	Open morning	Church
	10.00	working party in church grounds	Church

Notices

Welcome Lee! Lee Norfolk has arrived in Walsall and is now on the 3rd day of his ministry here. Please say hello!

Harvest Produce Your gifts of foodstuffs that have a long shelf life (tins, cereal packages etc) will be given to the needy and homeless people who use the Glebe Centre and Hi's and Lows. Unfortunately perishable items just cannot be stored for them. Thank you for your support!

Food, Toys, Clothing: A needy family attached to St Matthew's is **still** without any support in spite of protracted efforts. There are five children involved, the youngest still a babe in arms. Please don't stop giving food, clothes and toys to a needy family in the box in the porch marked OLU.

Half Term Holiday Club - following the success of the summer Holiday club, we are looking to run a half day of activities for children during half term, on Friday 28 October, in the centre. The format of this event will be similar to the holiday club but only for half a day. This will only be possible if there are enough willing volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please come to a meeting on Friday 7 October at 10.00am in the Centre, or register your interest with Liz Burley.

Alpha Course has got off to a great start! Lots of people came and there was a great atmosphere. If you really wanted to get on the course and missed session 1 by mistake, contact Liz Chamberlain immediately!

QUIZ 19 November: There will be another quiz to test your general knowledge, taking place at the St Matthew's Centre on Saturday

November 19th. Come along at 7.15 for a prompt 7.30 start. Teams of up to six, £1 per person. There will be light refreshments available, or bring your own bottles and cans if you like. There are no advance ticket sales but to help with planning please let John and Enid Pryce-Jones know (01922 723719) if you are definitely coming along.

Holy Communion: What is it all about? Why do we do it? Can I take it? How often? Colin will be teaching about Holy Communion at Church Hill Praise tonight and you will have a chance to 'quiz the Rector' A great opportunity for new church members to find out about what this is all about, as well as for long-standing members to refresh your understanding of why Holy Communion is so important to you.

Saturday Opening Times. We are now open to the public every Saturday 10am-12noon! We could do with a few more people around. If you fancy dropping in for a cup of tea and a chat, please do!

We are delighted to welcome **St Matthew's Brownies** back after a spell at St Luke's. The Brownies will now meet on Wednesdays in term time at 6.30pm in the Centre.

Science and God If you would like to hear what Prof John Lennox, an expert in this controversial field, has to say, come to the Selwyn Lectures in the morning of Wednesday 12 October at the Cathedral.

Diocesan Renewal Conference Saturday 15 October is on the theme *Free to Be*. Once again we can expect a brilliant conference – the speakers and worship are excellent! Book this into your diary now.

Roof repairs Following the theft of more lead from our roof three weeks ago a temporary roof of ply and roofing felt will be put in place as soon as possible. Expect to see our builders on site soon.

Working party 8 October We need to do more to keep our grounds clear to keep them safe from vandalism, lead theft and other undesirable behaviour. Please come on our working party on Saturday 8 October 10am-12 noon and bring saws, loppers, wheelbarrows etc.

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 12 Oct	Selwyn Lectures	Cathedral
Saturday 15 Oct	Diocesan Renewal Conference	Cathedral
Tuesday 18 Oct	PCC meeting	Centre
Wednesday 19 Oct	More Tea Vicar	Centre
Saturday 22 Oct	Messy Church Training Day	Church
Saturday 29	Urban Spirit	Blue Coat

Services 9 October: 16 after Trinity

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

Theme – Rule of Life 1: Time

For Your Prayers...

Give thanks for a brilliant start to the Alpha Course, lots of guests and a great atmosphere!

Making Christ Known: Pray for Lee Norfolk who has now joined us here in Walsall! Pray for a really fruitful ministry to young people in Walsall.

The World: Please pray for the people of Pakistan as they suffer yet more devastating floods. Also for the family of a young Christian girl whose minor spelling mistake has led to a trial for blasphemy.

For Healing: Margaret Eddowes, Margaret Walker, Pamela Brown, Ray Chamberlain's mum Win, baby Ellie Chapman, Pauline Shepherd, Brian White, Pauline Bayley, William Bates, Patricia Smyth, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson.

Rest in Peace: Sharon Blower, all named in our memorial book, all those who have lost their lives in Afghanistan.

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