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**Welcome to our old friends Paul and Lesley Evans  
who are sharing with us about their work in  
Zimbabwe in the 10.00am service today.**

**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***

## *Next Week:-*

Mon 22	3.00	funeral of Ken Jones	Church
Tue 23	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Wed 24	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	2.00	all-age service planning meeting	Rectory
Thu 25	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Sat 27	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church

## *Notices*

**HOLIDAY CLUB:** A huge thank you to all who gave time, talents, money, hospitality, prayer support and encouragement to the Holiday Club. There will be a de-brief meeting for all who want to share in giving feedback on how it went and planning for next year! on Tuesday 13th September at 8.00pm at St Matthew's Centre.

- If anyone has found a red Life Application Bible in the Centre it belongs to Liz Burley.

**Children at 10.00am services in August:** there will be a children's activity table in the Cafe Area during the services. Children age 5 years are encouraged to remain in the service rather than play in the Creche.

**Walsall Town Centre Ministry.** We need a third lay person to represent St Matthew's on the TCM. Group. Each of the 5 churches has 3 lay members. If anyone wants to volunteer for this position please see Michael Hazzard or the Rector. Meetings are every 2 months at 7.45pm. Next meeting is September 27th in St Matthew's Centre.

**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).

**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.

**Free Canal Boat Trip and meal Monday 22 4pm-9pm:** Walsall Rotary Club are providing this enjoyable treat for older but still mobile folk and have 6 or 7 spare places. Contact the Rector TODAY if interested..

**Saturday Opening Times.** A rota has now been drawn up and St Matthew's will be open on Saturdays on Saturday mornings 10am – 12 noon starting in September. Thank you everyone who has volunteered! From September please feel free to drop in for coffee and biscuits, to pray, to look round the building, to share fellowship or to meet the public. You don't need a reason, just call round!

- Other times when the building can be found open are now publicised on the notice board outside the church door.

**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.

### *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
Saturday 1 Oct	More Tea Vicar? (surgery hour) Messy Church	Church Centre
Sunday 2 Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving	Church
Wednesday 5 Oct	Home Group Leaders	Rectory
Wednesday 12 Oct	Selwyn Lectures	Cathedral

## **Services 28 August: 10 after Trinity**

8.00am	BCP Communion with George Fisher
10.00am	Communion with George Fisher
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
3.45pm	BCP Evensong
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

**Theme – David and Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11:1-17**

## ***For Your Prayers...***

**Give thanks** for our wonderful young people who led Summer Mission in Walsall last 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? Pray for Paul and Lesley's wonderful mission work to be anointed with the Spirit's fire.

**The World:** Pray for Zimbabwe! Pray for all young people who have just received A level results and have big decisions to take about the future.

**For Healing:** Daniel Townsend, 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:** David Jukes, Ken Jones: all named in our Memorial Book.

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