



Year of Discipleship 2012

Services 22 January: *Epiphany 3*

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	Communion + Children's Church + Youth Church
3.30pm	Bishop Clive at Asian Congregation - special celebration
3.45pm	BCP Evensong
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

Theme – *Discipleship 3: Trust*

This Week

Mon 23	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 24	8.45	morning prayer	Church
	8.00	Holiday Club planning meeting	Centre
Wed 25	9.30	toddler group	Centre
	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	6.00	Brownies	Centre
	7.30	Guides	Centre
	7.30	Gifts Course	Centre
Thu 26	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Fri 27	8.40	Blue Coat Comp service	Church
Sat 28	9.00	music practice	Church
	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	11.00	More Tea Vicar	Church
	7.30	Walsall Choral Society Concert	Church

Notices

Gifts Course 25 January and 1 February There are now twenty people booked on this course. If you want to come along please tell Colin **today** as resources have to be supplied.

- This two-session course will help you discover the gifts God has given you. You will get a feel for the ministry He is calling you which will lead to a greater sense of personal affirmation and fulfilment in His service. It will also help you stop doing things that aren't really you and are just wearing you out.
- Bring a Bible and a pen or pencil.
- The course is great for new Christians who are still finding their feet and for longer term Christians who may have got into a bit of a rut.
- Both sessions are in the Centre and start at 7.30pm

Considerate parking: If you park along the kerb on Sunday mornings (10am) please allow room for pedestrians to pass on the pavement. Children's church need to use the pavement, not walk in the road. They cannot do so if your car is blocking the way! Let's be considerate to one another and help the children to be safe. Thanks. Liz Burley.

- Please also note that the parking bay by the archway on the side nearest to the Centre is for residents parking only.

Year of Discipleship Please read Colin's introductory message to the Year of Discipleship on the website. There is a link on the home page to *Colin's Blog* which will take you straight there.

Bishop Clive's visit today: St Matthew's Asian congregation warmly invites everyone for the Bishop of Wolverhampton's visit to attend their service **today at 3.30pm**. Come along and meet Bishop Clive! Unfortunately you are too late for the curry afterwards which needed to be ordered beforehand but you are still welcome to the service.

Open Church on Saturday Mornings is discontinued in January while the winter weather is at its worst. We aim to resume in February.

Lent Course – Moving On. We will be doing Lent differently this year. All the groups will meet together on Wednesday nights in Lent for the *Moving On* multi-media discipleship course. We will break up into our groups for discussion, prayer and fellowship. This will be a great course – please book Wednesday nights in Lent into your diary now! Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 22 February.

We are in urgent need of help to keep our lovely church clean and tidy. Please could you find the time to help on Tuesday mornings, once a week, once a fortnight, once a month, or whatever. There is plenty to be done for both male and female, able and less able. Contact Helen Robinson urgently.

Midlands Christian Books (formerly 'The Rock') is a travelling Discount Christian Book Stall & will be attending St Matthews on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am - 12pm, starting from February. Pop along to view some great Christian titles at affordable prices.

Messy Events: Please watch out for the following...

- Saturday 4 Feb Messy Church. *Messy Church* lasts two hours (4-6pm), takes place in the Centre, and includes a meal together. Watch out for notices from Liz about how you can help.
- Holiday Club 13-17 August: Liz is sending out a separate letter about this, please read it and see how you can help.

<i>Forthcoming events:</i>		
Monday 30 Jan	7.30 Deanery Synod	St Gabriel's
Wednesday 1 Feb	11.00 Pastoral Care Group	Centre
	7.30 Gifts Course session 2	Centre
Thursday 2 Feb	7.30 Home Group Leaders	Rectory
Saturday 4 Feb	4.00 Messy Church	Centre
Saturday 11 Feb	11.00 More Tea Vicar	Church
Wednesday 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday – Lent starts!	
	12.30 Lent Lunches	St Paul's
	7.30 Ash Wednesday service	Church
Thursday 23 Feb	7.15 (for 7.30) PCC meeting	Centre

Services 29 January: *Epiphany 4*

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	Communion + Children's Church + Youth Church
3.30pm	Asian Congregation
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

Theme – *Discipleship 4: Commitment*

For Your Prayers...

Give thanks for the wonderful witness of our missionaries Alison Giblett, Paul and Lesley, Christ for All in Andra Pradesh and the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Making Christ Known: Please pray for the Week of Christian Unity, remembering all our sister churches in our shared mission to the people of Walsall. Pray for those on our Gifts Course to discover their gifts and calling.

The World: Please pray against the violence in Syria and for a just solution to be achieved: for the families of those lost in the cruise ship disaster.

For Healing: Louise Partridge, Marian Masters, Doreen Mackintosh, Jackie Lambert, Pauline Bayley, William Bates, Patricia Smyth, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson.

Rest in Peace: Jean Davies' son-in-law Barry Broadhurst, all who have lost their lives in Afghanistan, those named in our memorial book.

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