



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

Next Week:-

Tue 30	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Wed 31	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
Thu 1	8.45	morning prayer	Church
Fri 2	2.00	funeral of Beryl Appleby	Church
Sat 3	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	11.00	More Tea Vicar?	Church

Notices

Baked Beans!! The University of Wolverhampton Christian Union are giving away tins of baked beans at Fresher's Week and we have been asked to donate the beans. Please could you bring a tin of baked beans with you next Sunday. There will be a box at the back of church. Thank you! Amy Lane

Holiday Club De-briefing 13 September: A huge thank you to all who gave their support to the Holiday Club. There will be a de-brief meeting for feedback and planning for next year on Tuesday 13 September at 8.00pm at St Matthew's Centre.

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.

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 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)	Church
	Messy Church	Centre
Sunday 2 Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving	Church
Wednesday 5 Oct	Home Group Leaders	Rectory
Wednesday 12 Oct	Selwyn Lectures	Cathedral

Services 4 September: 11 after Trinity

8.00am	BCP Communion
10.00am	All-age service with baptisms
12 noon	shortened BCP communion
3.00pm	St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre
6.30pm	Church Hill Praise

Theme – David the Psalmist: *Psalm 23*

For Your Prayers...

Give thanks for all the opportunities coming up for us in September to reach out to others: Back to Church Sunday, Faithworks, the Alpha Course...

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 in Zimbabwe.

The World: What next for Libya? The chaos of civil war? Another dictator worse than Gaddafi? Or freedom, peace and justice? Please pray.

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: Joan Cartridge's mum Beryl Appleby, David Jukes, Ken Jones.

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