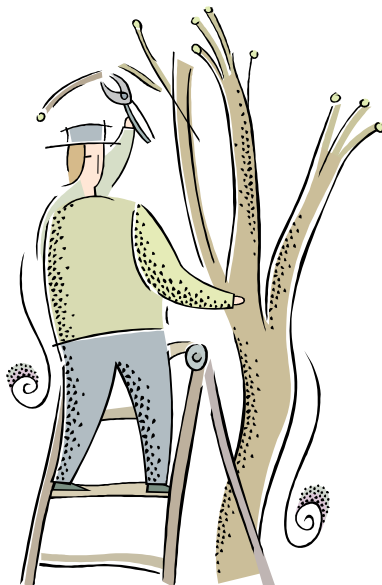


Our Brand New website is now online! Check it out on the same address, www.stmatthewswalsall, and be amazed!



Services 30 January: *Epiphany 4*

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| 8.00am | BCP Communion |
| 10.00am | Communion plus Children's Church |
| 3.00pm | St Matthew's Asian Congregation in the Centre |
| 6.30pm | Church Hill Praise |

Theme – Growing Pains: John 15:1-5

No afternoon service today
– it's the fifth Sunday in the month.

This Week:-

Mon 31	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 1 Feb	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
Wed 2	9.15	Toddler Group	Centre
	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	7.30	Healing Course	Centre
	7.30	Guides	Centre
Thu 3`	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	7.30	Confirmation Course	Rectory
Fri 4	8.30	Blue Coat Comp service	Church
Sat 5	10.00	Prayer Hour	Centre
	11.00	<i>More Tea Vicar?</i>	Church
	4.00	Messy Church – <i>Love is...</i>	Centre

Notices

Starting up a Lunch Club at St Matthew's Are you interested in volunteering to help run a weekly lunch club in St Matthew's Centre? A small group went over to Beacon Church in Pheasey to learn from the lunch club there and have come back convinced that we could do it here. It would offer marvellous pastoral and outreach opportunities? We will need a few more volunteers though. Are you interested? Please give your name to the Church Office if you would like to know more.

From The Messy Church Team:

Over £65 was donated by the congregation to Messy Church funds last Sunday. Thank you to everyone for these generous gifts for God's service. They will be put to good use. If you made a donation and would like it to be gift-aided please see Liz Burley. Gift aid will allow us to claim tax back on the gift.

- **Messy Church is next Saturday at 4pm in the St Matthew's Centre: theme – *Love is...***

Radio news from Asian Cong

Since August St Matthew's Asian Congregation has been broadcasting in Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi regularly on Ambur Radio Walsall every Sunday from 8am to 10am. The programmes are:

- Khuda Ki Awaz (Voice of God) 8-9am in Urdu
- Khuda se Milap (Meeting with God) 9-10am in Punjabi and Hindi

To listen Tune to Ambur Radio 103.6FM. To watch visit

www.AmburRadio.com To comment call 722707

Just for Men *Men and Motives* is a one day Conference on Saturday March 26th at St Martin's Church, Walsall. It is hosted by Andy Drake, director of evangelism at Christian Vision for Men and our own George Fisher. Seminars include – Gearing church for men; Sexual temptation; Hollywood's challenge to the church, and Winning men. Tickets cost £10 from the Lichfield Mission Office Tel: 01922 707863 or email: richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org Bookings deadline is March 19th.

St Matthew's Prayer Chain If you have a specific prayer request please can you contact our Prayer Chain Co-ordinator, Colin Townsend on 01922 645431. Colin will arrange for prayer to travel down the chain.

The Diocesan Prayer Diary is now up and running. It can be found at <http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/prayer-diary> or by clicking *Prayer Diary* on the home page of the Diocesan Website.

Christian Discipleship in a Multi-Faith Environment. A two-day event in two parts March 1st and March 15th at The Crossing at St Paul's, Walsall giving both laity and clergy in the Lichfield Diocese to grow in confidence and insight in inter-faith relations, led by Revd Ray Gaston of Queens College and author of *A Heart Broken Open*. Fee is £25 for initial delegate for the two days and £10 for subsequent delegates. Details from John Barnett, Wolverhampton Episcopal Area Inter Faith Officer. Email: john.barnett@lichfield.anglican.org. Tel: 0121 530 0491

Healing and Deliverance Training: The Challenge of Leadership in the Ministry of Healing, Deliverance and Pastoral Care is the title of a training event for clergy and lay leaders on February 7th at St John's Church, Walsall Wood, cost £5. Full details from the Local Mission Office, richard.barrett@lichfield.anglican.org or Tel: 01922 707863

Cluster Pulpit swap on 13 February

We look forward to welcoming the Rev Gennie Evans, vicar of St John's Pleck, on Sunday 13 Feb at the 8am and 10am services.

Church Diary:-

Sun 13 Feb	8 & 10	Cluster pulpit swap – Gennie Evans	Church
Tue 15 Feb	7.00	Prayer Meeting	Church
Wed 16 Feb	7.15	(for 7.30) DCC meeting	Centre
Fri 18 Feb		Schools break up for half term	
Wed 2 March	7.30	last session of healing course	Centre
Sat 5 March	10.00	DCC day – Mission Action Plan	t.b.a.
Sun 6 March	10.00	all-age service	Church
Tue 8 March	7.00	Reordering Project Steering Group	Centre

Services 6 February: *Epiphany 4*

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 + communion

Theme – Servant Song #1: Isaiah 42:1-9

For Your Prayers...

Give thanks for messy church coming up on 5 Feb, for the great response to messy church so far and the growth in contact with children and their parents

Making Christ Known: Pray for those preparing to be confirmed: for the Street Pastors scheme starting in Walsall and the possibility of launching a lunch club.

The World: For Tunisia, Egypt and Yemen – and perhaps others? – seeking a new future: for Christians who are persecuted in these nations at present.

For Healing: Kenneth Lyon, Olive Tilt, Keith Masters, Elsie Watton, David Boss, Patricia Smyth, Louise Partridge, Joan Nock, Wendy Ross, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson.

Rest in Peace: Mollie Hand, Ted George, all named in our Memorial Book, soldiers and civilians killed in Afghanistan.

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