



Services 5 June: *Sunday after Ascension*

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

Theme – Ascension: *Acts 1:1-11*

This Week:-

Mon 6	2.00	Craft Group	Centre
Tue 7	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	7.30	wardens' meeting	Rectory
Wed 8	9.00	Toddler Group	Centre
	9.30	Open Doors with Blue Coat Infants	Church
	10.00	Midweek communion	Church
	7.30	Guides	Centre
Thu 9	8.45	Morning Prayer	Church
	10.00	Open Doors with Blue Coat Infants	Church
Fri 10	8.30	BC Comp service	Church
	10.00	Open Doors with Blue Coat Infants	Church
	7.30	Home Group Leaders	Rectory
Sat 11	10.00	Prayer Hour	Church
	10.00	<i>Radiance</i> Spirituality Day	Cathedral
	10.30	<i>TCM Party by the Sea</i>	St Paul's
	4.00	Messy Church	Centre

Notices

Family in need – food required. Unfortunately the underlying issues surrounding an unfortunate family's legal status are still not resolved and there is still no long term support in place for them and their four children. Please bring donations of food to the box in the porch.

Priesting Service. Liz our curate is to be priested on Saturday 18 June here at St Matthew's! There will be a big service with the bishop, 8 other deacons and their families, churches and friends at 6.00pm. Come along and support Liz – and don't forget to pray for them all.

Cricket called off. Sadly Bank Holiday Monday's game had to be called off because of the rain. Watch out for details of the next match!

Congratulations Blue Coat! Following this week's inspection the school is no longer under notice to improve. Ofsted's verdict? *Satisfactory* – and good in many areas, outstanding in one or two.

Street Pastor Update Street Pastors in Walsall have started their patrols. There have been positive reports from all quarters. The teams are already having a very positive effect. The police are enthusiastic. Log on to <http://richardjolly.com/spinf.html> for more news.

- Recruitment and training of a second batch of volunteers will begin in July. Could you be a Street Pastor? It is a great pity that of all the

couple of dozen people who signed up in the first round, not a single one is from St Matthew's.

Walsall Churches' Urban Spirit Youth Camp 2011 8-10 July at Woodlands Camp. For secondary school ages: camp fires, night trails, canoeing, climbing, archery, team games, really cool worship and more! Booking details how to book from Chris and Amy Lane.

Radiance at the Cathedral 11 June starting at 10am – a day to explore the variety of Christian spirituality happening all round the Diocese. If you want to take part in prayer ministry on the day please contact Marian Masters. More details on flyer in porch.

"Where the Wild Things Are"

Walk & Picnic in Sutton Park 25 June - Something for Everyone

Why not take a leisurely 4.75 mile walk over a gently undulating route through woodland and open heath on roads and tracks whilst visiting 6 pools in Sutton Park. Alternatively, for those with young families or merely seeking a shorter walk, there are options available. Or simply go along to join in the picnic. Meet in the park at 10.15am for 10.30 start, picnic at around 1.30pm. More details soon from Brian Lycett.

From Liz Burley:

- Help for Blue Coat Junior Club - We need the following resources for crafts to be donated on Sunday 12 June: cardboard tubes (loo roll size) and boxes of all sizes for junk modelling. Leave them in church porch.

- Summer Holiday Club 1-5 August Sincere thanks to those who have already made a donation or sponsored a child's place and to those who are prayerfully considering doing so. We need more sponsors and more helpers to work with the children who will come to the club. Please sign up using the response form on the welcome table. Details of how to register your child for a place at the club can also be found there.

Church Diary

Tue 14 June	7.00	rehearsal for Priesting service	Church
Sat 18 June	11.00	More Tea Vicar? (surgery hour)	Church
	6.00	priesting service	Church
Wed 22 June	4.00	Staff meeting	Centre
	7.30	Renewal evening	St Jude WV
Thu 23 June	7.15	(for 7:30) PCC	Centre
Sat 25 June	10.30	Church Walk and picnic	Sutton Park
Sun 26 June	10.30	Mayor's Civic Service	Church
Wed 29 June	7.00	More Tea Vicar? (surgery hour)	Centre
Sun 3 July	10.00	all-age service + baptisms	Church

Services 12 June: *Pentecost*

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

Theme – Pentecost: *Acts 2:1-8, 11b-12*

For Your Prayers...

Give thanks for Claire & Neil, married yesterday: for Ruby, Poppy and Jayden, to be baptised this morning, for Blue Coat Comp's encouraging Ofsted result

Making Christ Known: For Walsall Street Pastors, out every Friday and Saturday night to demonstrate Christ's love to revellers: for more people to be called to this Good Samaritan ministry and come forward.

The World: Please pray for Walsall's new mayor Garry Perry: Garry is a Christian and attends Pelsall Church. Pray for God's blessing on his mayoral year. Also for all young people doing vital exams at present

For Healing: Stephen Parkes, Jean Gibson, Pamela Brown, Keith Masters, Elsie Watton, William Bates, Patricia Smyth, Louise Partridge, Barry McEwan, Andrew Taylor, Doreen Hammond, Hazel Joyce, Felicity Clarkson, Joan Nock

Rest in Peace: Martin Barker, all named in our Memorial Book, all the casualties in Afghanistan.

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