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Walsall Wood

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9.30  Church Office open for enquiries
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5.30  2nd Walsall Wood Brownies in the hall
7 pm  3rd Walsall Wood Guides in the hall

Wednesday, 13th September
9 am  School Assembly at Walsall Wood School
9.30  Church Office open for enquiries
10.15 No Holy Communion today
12.00 Prayers for Healing and Wholeness
1.30  Toning without Moaning, in the Hall
5 pm  2nd Walsall Wood Rainbows in the Hall
6.15  Children’s Choir
7 pm  Weightwatchers in the Hall
7.30  Choir Practice

Thursday, 14th September – Holy Cross Day
9 am  School Assembly at Castlefort School
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2 pm  Funeral Service for Mrs Susan Andrew, in Church
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A Prayer for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

With thanksgiving for all those who answer God’s call to service and love
for his people.
For the Church: for Justin our Archbishop; for our Diocese of Lichfield; for
Michael, our Diocesan Bishop; for Clive our Area Bishop; for Sue our
Archdeacon; for Carl our Area Dean; for our Cluster Churches in Pelsall,
Rushall and Shelfield & High Heath; for The Revd. Rob Farmer as he
prepares to become Rector of St Martin’s Church, Worcester; and for Julie,
Laura and Katie.
For our parish and our church family: that our Spiritual light may shine
brightly for God’s Kingdom; for Sharon Hodgetts: giving thanks for her
Authorisation by the Bishop as a Lay Minister for our Parish, and praying for
God's blessing on her ministry; for the Walsall Wood Link Line project.
For the World-wide Church: for our companion Dioceses of West Malaysia,
Matlosane (South Africa), Mecklenburg (Germany) and Qu’Appelle
(Canada).
For our Ten Sponsored Children: including Dylan, Alice, Dinknesh and
Sheylin; for their families and communities – and for the work of
Compassion in the two thirds world; for Barbara Grainger in her unstinting
work to support this vital ministry.
For our Church School: for all children and staff at the start of a new term.
For all our local Schools: for all the children and staff of Walsall Wood
School, Castlefort School, Oakwood School and Shire Oak Academy.
For God’s world: for the leaders of the nations; for the Queen and her family,
for our government and opposition; for the peoples of Texas, Louisiana and the
Caribbean islands; for the governments and peoples of North and South Korea,
Myanmar and Bangladesh; for the safety of the Rohingya Muslims.
For our community: for those who live with loneliness and isolation; for all
our children and young people at the start of a new academic year; for those
starting or moving schools, beginning college, university or training.
For the residents of: St John’s Road, Adams Road, Brownhills Road.
Please also pray for: Irene Ayres, Pauline Orton, Malcolm Orton,
Brian Luke, Bill Stacey, Iris Alcock, John Platt, Nicola Smith, Les Peace,
Dennis Thickett, Linda Lashford, Jenny Vass, Mary Raybould,
Chris Wilkinson, Mimi Clarke, Neil Hathaway, Cyril Wood, Else Myatt,
Sarah Sebborn, Shaun McSweeney, Sid Jukes, Harry Hadley,
Beryl Alanthwaite, David Arrowsmith, Cedric and Valerie Fletcher.

We remember all who have died recently
and all who mourn their loss:
Fred Hartshorn, David Thomas, Patrick Costello, Susan Andrew,
David Dean, John Ferguson, Albert Wall,
May they rest in the light and peace of Christ.

There will be a charity
Car Wash
at St John’s Church on Saturday, 30th September
from 10.30 am
to raise funds for the
Walsall Wood Remembrance Parade
Bring your Mucky Mini, Honking Honda, or Pongy Peugeot
for a good wash by the young people of Walsall Wood.
Our Scouts, Guides and Boys/Girls Brigades will be out in
force to wash away your motoring sins.

Have Sunday Lunch with us
Harvest Sunday, 8th October
2 Course roast turkey with all the trimmings
followed by a variety of fruit crumbles
Tea and Coffee with mints
Glass of wine
£9.50 and special rate for young children
More information from Val Benford
List at back of church for you to sign.

The Ark is our Children’s Club
for 8’s – 12’s
Join us every Friday (term time)
at 6.30 in the Hall.

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Our Harvest Family Service
Will be on 8th October at 9.30
See you there

Read & Pray Each Day
Monday
2 Samuel 7: 4 - 17
2 Corinthians 5: 1 - 10
Tuesday
Proverbs 18: 10 - 21
Romans 14: 10 - end
Wednesday
Judges 4: 1 - 10
Romans 1: 8 - 17
Thursday
Philippians 2: 6 - 11
John 3: 13 - 17
Friday
Job 9: 1 - 24
Mark 15: 21 - 32
Saturday
Exodus 19: 1 - 9
John 20: 11 - 18

Every Sunday
(except during Family Service)
Term Time at 9.30