

Religion and Places of Worship

in Walsall (May 2017)

Introduction

This document has been collated by the SACRE group in Walsall. It is aimed at RE coordinators in schools. The key aim is to try and produce a summary of key churches and contacts in Walsall with some background information. It is hoped that this information will be of use to schools. In particular that it might serve as a catalyst for contacts and visits to places of worship and also for people of different faiths to come into your school. The danger with any such publication is that some elements of it will be out of date as soon as it is published. Nevertheless, it is hoped that this will be a useful document for schools.

The quotes below from the Agreed Syllabus help to set the context. The intention is that this booklet can be updated on an annual basis.

“Walsall is a vibrant and diverse Borough. Our population includes significant communities of Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs and smaller groups of other significant faith communities including Jews, Jains, Buddhists and members of the Baha’i faith. Many children in Walsall come from families that hold non-religious life stances. RE taught using this syllabus allows all learners to share their experiences and to learn from one another and the religions and beliefs in our community. This rich diversity influences the religions and beliefs to be taught in RE in this new syllabus.”

“..... Walsall’s Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education expects that schools will enable pupils to explore Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism, as well as Christianity. It also enables the consideration of secular life stances.” This syllabus specifies which religions are covered in the different Key Stages.

Christianity

In the section below there is information about some of the key Christian churches in Walsall- The Anglican Church, Catholicism, Methodism, Quakers, United Reformed Church.

The Anglican Church

The Anglican Church is just one branch of Christianity (see also Methodist, Catholic, Pentecostal etc) and can trace its roots back to the early Church. It is a very diverse branch of Christianity and contains a mix of Catholicism and Reformed Protestant theology.

The Anglican Communion is a group of churches from over 160 different countries with about 85 million members. The spiritual head of the Anglican Communion is Archbishop Justin Welby who is also the Head of the Church of England.

The Church of England aims to be a Christian presence in every community and is made up of two provinces (Canterbury and York) and 41 dioceses (Walsall is in Lichfield Diocese). Each diocese is divided up into smaller units called deaneries. St Matthew's Church is the oldest Anglican Church in Walsall and is the one of the 16 parishes that make up the Deanery of Walsall.

Within the Anglican Church there are three orders of ministry called deacons, priests and bishops, with various roles (jobs) including vicar, rector, curate, chaplain, area dean, archdeacon etc.

The principal services in the Anglican Church are Holy Communion (also known as Mass, Eucharist, The Lord's Supper etc), a service of the word (focusing primarily on scripture) and Morning and Evening prayer. The Anglican Church aims to look after people from birth to death and through various life experiences. Services which illustrate this include baptism, confirmation, marriages and funerals.

Useful link to the Anglican Church can be found at

- <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith.aspx> (The Church of England's website which also provides some useful further links.)
- <https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/dioceses.aspx>
- <http://www.anglicancommunion.org>
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Anglicans.html>
- <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/>
- <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/acny/> (Most of the Walsall parish websites and contact details can be accessed through this website)
- <http://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/> (St Matthew's Church is the oldest church in Walsall)

Catholicism

Roman Catholicism is the largest Christian Church in the World with some 1.3 billion members. Approximately 42% of Catholics live in Central and South America and 24% in Europe but the area of fastest growth is Africa. It may come as some surprise that 12% of the World's Catholics live in Asia.

There are nearly 6 million Catholics in the UK with just over 4 million in England. Although there has been a decline in the number of practising Catholics born in England, this has been more than counterbalanced by the entry of people to this country, Poles in particular. In the Birmingham Archdiocese average attendance at Sunday Mass is about 75,000 which is about 25% of the Catholic population.

The Catholic Church teaches that it was founded by Jesus Christ and that the bishops are the successors of the Apostles. The head of the Church on earth is the Pope. Pope Francis, the present Pope. Is reaching out to other faiths to a greater extent possibly than any of his predecessors.

In Western Europe, the contribution of the Catholic religion to music, art and civilisation in general cannot be ignored.

For general information about the Catholic Religion, there are numerous web sites under such titles as Roman Catholic Wikipedia; Catholic Church on UK and Roman Catholic Church World wide.

Catholic Schools in Walsall come under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Birmingham (Archbishop Bernard Longley) and all, except two, come into the Deanery of Walsall. There are nine Catholic Schools in Walsall, including two Secondary Although they are Catholic in terms of religion and ethos, they also contain children of other religions due to their reputation for educational excellence.

In addition to schools, the Archdiocese is also responsible for training priests ; training teachers; further and higher education at Maryvale; safeguarding; youth services; social care; prison visiting and links with other religions, as well as many other activities.

For information about Catholic Schools in Walsall or for general educational information, probably the best contact is Diocesan Education Service, 61 Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EA
01675 430230.

The main Catholic Churches in Walsall are-

St. Mary's The Mount
Glebe Street Walsall WS1 3NF
Vocationist Fathers Order
01922 622633

St. Mary of The Angels
39, Whetstone Lane
Aldridge Walsall WS9 0JD
Rev Fr Michael Leadbeater
01922 452316

St Patricks
Blue Lane East
Walsall WS2 8HN
Fr Jaison Karippai Kurian
01922 623823

St. Peter's
208, High Street
Bloxwich Walsall
WS3 3LA
Rev Fr Robert Murphy
01922 476765

Methodism

This is a denomination of the Christian Church and is the fourth largest in Britain after the Church of England, Roman Catholic and Church of Scotland. Methodism was founded by Anglican John Wesley and by 1739, there were thousands of people flocking to hear his inspirational outdoor preaching. John Wesley's brother Charles is also very important in Methodism and wrote more than 6000

hymns. In Britain, there are nearly 200,000 members and worldwide, there are over 60 million members of the United Methodist Church.

‘Our Calling’ - The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:

1. WORSHIP
2. LEARNING & CARING
3. SERVICE
4. EVANGELISM

The distinctive qualities of the Methodist Church are that:

- People do not have to be baptised in order to receive Holy Communion.
- Methodists believe that all can be saved – nobody is out of reach of God’s love
- Church members and lay people (those not ordained) play a very important part in the running of the Church
- Small groups meet together to study the Bible and this goes back to the ‘class meetings’ of John Wesley’s time
- Song is very important to Methodists and there will be many hymns at a typical service
- There is a strong sense of social justice and helping the community. There is an ecumenical ‘Joint Public Issues’ team which look into social issues and seek to work towards justice.

Website: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/>

Joint Public Issues team: <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/>

The structure of the Methodist Church

Methodists are all linked together by a Methodist ‘Connexion’ and each member of the Church is a part of this wider Connexion. There are 31 Districts in England, Scotland and Wales and each District is made up of a number of Circuits.

In this area, we are in the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District.

District website: <http://wsmethodist.org.uk/>

The Walsall Borough covers 2 Circuits: The Walsall Circuit and the Brownhills & Willenhall Circuit. Each of these 2 Circuits has nine churches.

The Circuit websites have info on each Church including the Minister’s details. Contact the Minister to arrange school visits in the first instance. All addresses of each Church are on these websites.

1. <http://www.walsallmethodist.org/> WALSALL CIRCUIT
2. <http://brownhillsandwillenhallmethodistcircuit.org.uk/> BROWNHILLS & WILLENHALL CIRCUIT

The Methodist Church is led by the President and Vice President of Conference and this changes every year.

The website says:

‘Each year at the Methodist Conference, the following year's President (always an ordained presbyter) and Vice-President (always a lay person or deacon) are elected.

John Wesley himself was the original President of the Methodist Conference, but after his death it was agreed that in future, so much authority would not be placed in the hands of one man. Instead, the President would be elected for one year only, to sit in Wesley's chair.'

Reading materials

Methodist publishing: <https://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk/>

The Methodist worship book contains some liturgy for set services and communions.

The two main hymn books in use at the moment are: 'Hymns & Psalms' and 'Singing the Faith'.

Quakers

General information

The Quaker movement was started about 350 years ago by George Fox. It is rooted in Christianity, although it differs in many ways from other Christian denominations. Its formal title is "The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)". The word "Quaker" was used originally as a nickname.

Quakers share a way of life based on the belief that there is that of God in everyone. Their unity is based on the practice of shared silent worship, in which they seek direct experience of God. The local Meetings for Worship are open to everyone and are essentially silent, although anyone who feels moved to speak may do so. Such "ministry" may take the form of a reading from the Bible or a Quaker book, a prayer, or a reflection on experience. There are no clergy.

Quakers try to live with honesty and integrity, with respect for the environment. They have a strong commitment to peace and peace education which arises from the conviction that all human beings are unique and equal. They work locally and globally to put their faith into action. Quakerism is a way of life, rather than a dogma or creed.

Further information is available at www.quaker.org.uk

Local information, about Quakers in the Midlands, is available at www.centralenglandquakers.org.uk

A free information pack is available by writing to Quaker Outreach (QN), FREEPOST QUAKERS, or by phoning FREEPHONE 0808-109-1651.

Local contacts

To arrange a visit by a Quaker speaker to a school, contact one of the following:

Jim Green: greenaj@blueyonder.co.uk Tel. No: 01922-616385

Barbara Groombridge: bgroombridge@btinternet.com Tel. No: 01922-638323.

Local centres (Meeting Houses)

Walsall Quakers do not have their own Meeting House but meet on Sundays at 11.00 a.m. in rented premises (Walsall Deaf People's Centre in Lichfield Street). There are Quaker Meeting Houses in Wolverhampton and Sutton Coldfield as well as in different areas of Birmingham. The most central one in Birmingham is in Bull Street, and visits can be arranged by using one of the contacts above.

Other information

Central England Quakers, through their "Peacemakers" project, work by arrangement with local schools to provide Peer Mediation and Peacemaker courses. Their resource/training package *Learning for Peace* supports the teaching and learning of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural curriculum in schools.

For further information email peacemakers.org.uk

United Reformed Church (URC)

The United Reformed Church is a Christian organisation formed in 1972 by the union of the Presbyterian church in England and the Congregational Church in England and Wales. In 1981 the Reformed Association of Christ joined the URC followed in 2000 by the Congregational Union of Scotland.

At present the URC 1,400 churches, 56,000 members and 608 active Ministers. Churches may share a Minister and Elder's support the Minister by taking on various responsibilities. Decisions about the church are made by a meeting of the church members. The churches are supported at regional level by meetings called a Synod. The General Assembly makes decisions affecting all churches in the URC.

THE WALSALL PASTORATE.

The Walsall Pastorate of the URC consists of three churches who share a Minister, the Reverend Wilbert Sayimani, who is from Zimbabwe. All three churches have a Sunday morning service while Broadway also has an evening or afternoon service. All three churches offer a Junior Church for young people during the morning service. Broadway operate a Youth Fellowship on alternate Sunday evenings.

Music is very important and all three churches have a pipe organ. All the congregations are proud of their charity activities and especially events to support Christian Aid. Special services are held at Christmas, Easter and on other special Christian celebrations. Joint Services are held and these bring the congregations of the three churches together. In the interests of Christian unity joint services are also held with other Christian Churches. The three churches have very different characteristics.

BLAKENALL URC Blakenall Lane, Walsall. WS3 1HF

A modern attractive building, built in 1995. It has a garden of remembrance. Services on Sunday morning start at 11am. Uniformed organisations include beavers, cubs, brownies and scouts. Please contact Gez Murray on 01922 412656

BROADWAY URC Broadway, Walsall WS5 3PH

Built in 1959 the building offers a bright, cheerful environment. It comprises a large church hall. Music is particularly important and Broadway is one of few churches to have a four part choir. The church manages the Glebe Centre in Walsall. This is run by the YMCA and supports vulnerable adults. Services on a Sunday begin at 10.30am and 6.30pm, 3pm in winter. Please contact P. Lomax 01922 611718

HATHERTON URC Hatherton Rd, Walsall. WS1 1XZ

A grade II listed building, unaltered since 1881 and including many interesting features including a rear balcony, leaded light windows, raised pulpit and pipe organ. Services on Sunday begin at 11am. Please contact J.Baker 01922 694943

The Reverend Sayimani would be delighted to welcome visitors to any or all three churches.
Telephone 01922 627671

Hinduism

Hinduism is made up of a variety of different religious beliefs and practices which originated near the river Indus in India. The name 'Hindu' comes from the word Indus. The religion dates back over 4,000 years. It is also referred to as a "Sanatan Dharma", meaning eternal way of life.

There are an estimated 1 billion Hindus worldwide, making Hinduism the third largest religion after Christianity and Islam. About 80 percent of India's population regard themselves as Hindus and 30 million more Hindus live outside of India.

According to the 2001 Census, which collected information about religious identity across Britain, Hinduism is the third largest practiced religion in Britain, with 559,000 describing themselves as Hindu, many of whose ancestry came originally from Gujarat and Punjab in India.

Hindu settlement began in Britain early in the 20th century as a result of Britain's colonial relationship with India. The majority of Hindu immigrants arrived in the 1960s and 1970s from East Africa following the impact of nation-building policies in the newly independent states. There are also Hindus in the UK today who have moved here from places like Trinidad and Fiji, and those who have moved to Britain directly from India. In recent times these have been mostly professionals, migrating to Britain to take up jobs in healthcare, education and business. Most Hindus in the UK have tended to achieve well in education and demonstrate considerable resourcefulness and flexibility in adapting to conditions in their new country.

About 2% of Walsall town's population will identify themselves as Hindu, the vast majority originating from Gujarat on the West coast of India. Other Hindu communities present in Walsall hail from the Punjab or East Africa.

Hinduism has no founder or date of origin. The authors and dates of most Hindu sacred texts are unknown, although the oldest text (the Vedas) are estimated to date from as early as 1500 BCE. Scholars describe Hinduism as the product of religious development in India that spans nearly 4,000 years, making it perhaps the oldest surviving world religion.

The broad term "Hinduism" encompasses a wide variety of traditions, which are closely related and share common themes but do not constitute a unified set of beliefs or practices.

Hinduism is not a homogeneous, organized system. Many Hindus are devoted followers of Shiva or Vishnu, whom they regard as the only true God, while others look inward to the divine Self (atman). But most recognize the existence of Brahman, the unifying principle and Supreme Reality behind all that is.

In the 20th century, Hinduism began to gain popularity in the West. Its different worldview and its tolerance for diversity in belief made it an attractive alternative to traditional Western religion. Although there are relatively few western converts to Hinduism specifically, Hindu thought has influenced the West indirectly by way of religious movements like Hare Krishna and New Age, and even more so through the incorporation of Indian beliefs and practices (such as the chakra system and yoga) into health and spirituality.

There are a total of three Hindu temples in Walsall, two of Gujarati heritage and a third consisting of a largely Punjabi congregation respectively:

Shree Ram Mandir, Ford Street, Pleck, Walsall Mr Vasant Mistry Tel: 01922 634462 www.shree-ram-mandir-walsall.org.uk

Krishna Temple, 18 Salisbury Street, Darlaston

Mandir Baba Balak Nath, 96a Caldmore Road, Walsall 01922621177

Also locally is the

Shri Vekateshwara (Balaji) Temple in Tipton. www.venkateswara.org.uk

Shree Geeta Bhawan 107-117 Heathfield Road, Birmingham B19 1HL, UK
Tel: 0121 554 4120 www.shreegeetabhawan.com

Shree Krishna Mandir, (West Bromwich), 81 Old Meeting Street West Bromwich West Midlands United Kingdom B70 9Sz

Nationally we have Bhaktivedanta Manor in Aldenham Watford & Neasden Hindu Temple in Wembley

Islam

Islam means “peace” and “submission” so a Muslim is a person who submits his will to God. Islam is one of the Abrahamic faiths out of the three, other two being Christianity and Judaism and the only faith outside of Christianity that believes in Jesus. Islam is a way of life as well as a belief system and is inherently balanced between liberalism and extremism in it’s creed and practice.

There are estimated 1.6 billion Muslims around the globe and from that 2.8 million living in UK who identify themselves with the Islamic faith. Islamic belief is built on five pillars which are:

1. The declaration of faith
2. Praying five times a day
3. Fasting in the month of Ramadan
4. Pilgrimage (once in a life time)
5. Giving charity

Muslims have had a recorded presence in the British Isles since the 16th century. The first Muslim arrivals in Walsall came from the Indian subcontinent in the 1960's and worked in some of the large engineering firms present within the town at the time.

The Muslims of Walsall tend to be either from the Deobandi or Barelwi sects although collectively all will adhere to the Hanafi school of Islamic law for guidance on personal, spiritual and legal matters.

Approximately 8% of the population of Walsall will identify themselves as Muslim with a historic community of people from Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Indian Gujarati heritage. In more recent times, the diversity of Walsall's Muslim community has increased with the addition of new arrivals from Afghanistan, Somalia and various parts of the Middle East.

There are twelve mosques based across Walsall and all are welcoming to visitors from other faiths, ethnicities or sectarian traditions within Islam. Some mosques do have an English-speaking single point of contact to facilitate school visits and make them more informative:

- *Aisha Mosque and Islamic Centre, Rutter St, Walsall (01922620982 ext 2) Also on their web site there is a form for booking a visit <http://www.aishamosque.org/book-a-visit/>*
- *Masjid Al Farouq, Milton Street, Walsall Imam Ebrahim Esakjee 07877414784*
- *Gausia Mosque and Islamic Centre, 15 Birchills Street, Birchills, WS2 8QB 01922640787*

Sikhism

Sikhism was founded in the 16th century in the Punjab district of what is now India and Pakistan. It was founded by Guru Nanak and is based on his teachings, and those of the 9 Sikh gurus who followed him.

About 5% of Walsall's population will identify themselves as Sikh with families settling here from the Punjab as early as 1957. All temples are equipped with a 'langar' or soup-kitchen that is staffed around the clock by volunteers to provide free meals for guests, worshippers or the homeless and needy. There are 4 sikh temples (Gurdwaras) in Walsall and are equipped to host guests at any time and to observe religious rites.

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Caldmore Road, Walsall Mr Sabjit Johal 01922 622199

Darbar Sri Guru Granth, Rollingmill St, Walsall Mr Jagdev Singh 07980 544602

Guru Nanak Sikh Temple Willenhall, Ms Raman Sandu 07809 439152

Nanaksar Gurdwaral, Wellington St Pleck, Ms Charanjit Kaur 01922 641 040

Faith Based Organisations and Key Contacts

Brownhills			
Brownhills Methodist Church	Silver Street	Rev Elizabeth Dunning	01922 445802
Calvary Church	Brickiln Street	Pastor Sid Ceney/Cath Ceney	01543 376389
Clayhanger Methodist Church	Clayhanger Lane	Rev Molly Chitokwindo	01922 445802
Holy Trinity, Clayhanger	53 Clayhanger Lane	Revd Elizabeth Snowden	01543 454816
St. Bernadette's R. C. Church	40 Warren Place	Father D J Mellor	01543 372759
St. James Church Brownhills	Church Road	Rev Dave Bishop	01543 372187
Aldridge			
Springhill Methodist Church	Walsall Road	Deacon Annie Trembling	01543 372151
St. John's Church Walsall Wood	High Street	Rev Nigel Carter	01543 360558
St. Thomas Church	St.Thomas Close	Mr Mike Johnstone - The Church Office	01922 453942
Walsall Wood Methodist Church	Lichfield Road	Mr Brian Lloyd	01922 634011
Aldridge Methodist Church	Anchor Road	Rev Bev Boden	01922 404435
Emmanuel Church	Lancaster Avenue	Rev Sharon Hough	01922 453936
St. Mary Of The Angels	39 Whetstone Lane	Canon Michael Leadbeater	01922 452316
St. Mary the Virgin	The Green	Rev John Coyne	01922 455229
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Streetly			
All Saints Parish Church (Streetly)	Foley Road East	The Church Office	0121 353 3582
Blackwood Methodist Church	Blackwood Road	Rev John Ingyon	0121 353 2646
St. Anne's RC Church	Bridle Lane	Father Lloyd	0121 353 3778
Streetly Evangelical Church	Egerton Road	Chris Miles (Secretary)	0121 353 2703
Streetly Methodist Church	Thornhill Road	Jean Hope - Senior Steward	0121 353 5948
Pheasey			
Beacon Church, St Chad	Collingwood Drive	Rev John Barnett	0121 603 9802
Pheasey Evangelical Church	Romney Way	Rev John Slater	0121 682 2467

St. Margaret's Parish Church	Chapel Lane	Rev Martin Rutter	0121 357 1390
Chuckery			
Broadway United Reformed Church	2 Gillity Avenue	Rev William Sayimani	01922 627671
Central Hall Methodist Church	Ablewell Street	Rev Derrick Lander	01922 628723
Crescent Baptist Church	The Crescent	Mr John Wood	077331 83470
New Testament Church, Chuckery	Chuckery Rd	Rev Steve Williams	01902 601206
St. Jude's Church	Eldon Street	Rev Paul N Hunt	01902 607335
St. Luke's Church	Selborne Street	Rev Mark Kinder	01922 620669
St. Martin's	1 Daffodil Road	Rev Jenny Mayo-Lythall	01922 611909
The Solution Centre	Arboretum Day Care Centre	Pastor Samuel Akoto	07727 081737
Palfrey			
Bethany Church of God	57 Wednesbury Rd	Pastor W Graham	07961 346617
Delves Baptist Community Church	Bell Lane	Ruth Wood	01922 474007
New Testament Church of God	Faith Temple	Mrs Diana Letford	01922 633981
Place of Refuge Community Church	Talke Road	Pastor Kevin Smith	01922 642765
St. Gabriels Parish Church	Walstead Rd	Father Mark McIntyre	01922 622583
The Annunciation of Our Lady	Greenside Way	Father Terence Coyne	01922 622583
The Orthodox Church	Sun St.	Father John Nankivell	01922 633451
Walsall Christian Centre	Corporation Street West	Mr Brian Dash	01922 625 919
<i>Masjid Al Farouq,</i>	<i>Milton Street,</i>	<i>Imam Ebrahim Esakjee</i>	<i>07877414784</i>
Darlaston			
All Saints, Moxley	Church Street	Revd Richard Inglesby	01902 653084
Darlaston Salvation Army	The Leys	Captain Geoff and Major Glenis Bonsell	0121 526 6768
Kings Hill Methodist Church	St Andrew's	Rev T John Davies	01922 628723
Moxley Methodist Church	High Street	Rev Colin Gardner	0121 352 1555
Rough Hay Gospel Hall	Hall St East		0121 526 5558
St Bartholomews Church			0121 556 0378
St. Andrew's Church Darlaston	Darlaston Road	Fr Donald Marsh	0121 556 0378
Krishna Temple,	18 Salisbury Street,		
Short Heath			
Furzebank Worship	Rosedale CE Infants	Rev John Deakin	01922 409460

Centre	School		
Holy Trinity, Short Heath	Church Road	Rev Mark Hathorne	01922 476416
Short Heath Methodist Church	Wesley Road	Miss M A Howells	01922 402658
Pleck			
Pleck Methodist Church	Bescot Road	Mrs M A Gibbons	01922 633075
St. John's Church Pleck	Scarborough Rd.	June Newell	01922 866852
The Church at Junction 10	The Church at Junction 10	Rachel Jenkins/Kevin Davis/ Joe Clark	01922 639277
Darbar Sri Guru Granth,	Rollingmill St,	Mr Jagdev Singh	07980 544602
Shree Ram Mandir,	Ford Street, Pleck, www.shree-ram-mandir-walsall.org.uk	Mr Vasant Mistry	Tel: 01922 634462
Nanaksar Gurdwaral,	Wellington St Pleck,	Ms Charanjit Kaur	01922 641 040
Bentley and Darlaston			
All Saints, Darlaston	Walsall Road (Corner with Bills Street)	Revd Canon John Barnett	0121 530 0491
Bentley Methodist Church	Margaret Road	Rev Ray Goode	01922 416424
Darlaston Methodist Church	Slater Street	Rev Colin Gardner	0121 352 1555
Emmanuel Parish Church	Cairn Drive	Rev Sharon Hough	01902 410458
Keyway Pentecostal Church	Blockall (Corner Of Addenbrook St)	Pastor Sylvia Reed	01902 380487
St. Andrew's Free Church	Churchill Road	Rt Rev Paul Hunt	01902 607335
St. Joseph's Church	57 Church Street	Fr Ronald Cosslett	0121 526 2287
St. Lawrence Church	Church Street	Revd Liz Fairless	0121 526 2240
The Church on the Corner Apostolic Church	King Charles Avenue	Mr Chris Hinton	01922 625421
Bloxwich West			
All Saints Church, Bloxwich	Elmore Green Rd	Rev Roger Williams	01922 476598
Bloxwich Community Church	Stokes Street	Pastor Neville Johnson	01543 376328
St. James Church Bloxwich, Team Ministry	Old Lane	Revd Roger Williams	01922 476598

St. Thomas Church Bloxwich Team Ministry	Cresswell Crescent	Rev Carlton Turner	01922 712927
Blakenall			
Blakenall United Reformed Church	Blakenall Lane	Gez Murray	01922 634642
Christ Church, Blakenall Heath	Blakenall Heath	Father Paul Myers	01922 479593
Coalpool Methodist Church	Coalpool Lane	Rev Gorgon Morton	01922 628723
St. Thomas of Canterbury	Dartmouth Ave	Fr Thomas Kuttikatt SDV	01922 720 712
Bloxwich East			
Church Of God	Upper Room, Guildhall		-
Holy Ascension Church	9 Sanstone Road		01922 711225
St. John's Methodist Church	Victoria Avenue	Rev Keith Beckingham	01922 475083
St. Peter's Catholic Church	208 High Street	Father Robert Murphy	01922 476765
Rushall			-
Of Christ The King	Lichfield Road	Rev Colin Such	01922 624677
Daw End Methodist Church	Daw End Lane	Rev Boden	01922 404435
Kings Road Chapel	Kings Road	Mr Phil Meachem	01922 636707
Religious Society Of Friends (Quakers)	Walsall Deaf People's Centre	Mr James Green	01922 616385
Rushall URC	House Church		01902 747738
Shelfield Methodist Church	Lichfield Road		01922 445802
Shelfield Pentecostal Church	Lichfield Road	Mr Phillip Tart	1922691318
St. Francis Of Assisi Church	Mill Road	Rev Thomas Walton	01922 682542
St. Mark's Church	Green Lane	Revd Rob Farmer	01922 692550
St. Michael The Archangel	Rushall Parish Church	Rev Colin Such	01922 624677
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St Matthews			-
Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ	Bethel Lighthouse Centre	Assistant Pastor - O'Neil Lewis	01922 618 870
Caldmore Evangelical Church	105A West Bromwich St	Mr N J Walker	07725 880152
Caldmore Methodist Church	Corporation Street	Rev Gordon Morton	01922 628723
Hatherton United Reformed Church	Hatherton Road/Darwall Street	Mrs J Baker	01922 694943
International Christian Centre	1-3 Lower Hall Lane	Mrs Rose Nyoni	01922 643587
Midland Road Baptist	Midland Road	Mr Philip Buggins	0790 068 4964
St. Mary's The Mount	Vicarage Walk	Vocationist Fathers	01922 622633
St. Matthews Asian Congregation	St Matthews Centre	Mr Adil burke	07460682382

St. Matthew's Church and Centre	St Matthew's Close	Mr Adrian Perks	01922 626039
St. Michael And All Angels	St. Michael St.	Rev F R Miller	01922 623445
St. Patrick's Church	Green Lane		01922 624 144
St. Paul's Church at The Crossing	Darwall Street	Rev Mark Kinder	01922 620669
St. Peter's Church	Stafford St.	Rev Colin Such	01922 624677
The Church Among Deaf People	St Paul's Church at the Crossing	Revd Peter Lees	07951 776373
Walsall Community Church	Bradford Street Centre	Mr Michael Vinton	01922 629313
Walsall Independent Evangelical Church	The Bath Street Centre	Mr W J Daniel	01922 612223
<i>Aisha Mosque and Islamic Centre,</i>	<i>Rutter St.</i>	<i>(Also on their web site there is a form for booking a visit http://www.aishamosque.org/book-a-visit</i>	<i>01922620982 ext 2)</i>
Guru Nanak Sikh Temple,	Caldmore Road,	Walsall Mr Sabjit Johal	01922 622199
Mandir Baba Balak Nath,	96a Caldmore Road, Walsall		01922621177
Birchills and Leamore			-
Apostolic Faith Mission	C/o St Andrews Church	Pastor Crispen Chaza	-
Green Lane Baptist Church	Burrowes Street	Rev Bob Morris	01922 405521
King of Kings Church	C/o Green Lane Baptist Church	Pastor Errol Lewis	01922 405521
Reedswood Methodist Church	Pargeter Street	Horace Brisbane	01922 627386
St. Andrew, Birchills	Birchills St.	Fr Iain Templeton	01922 721658
St. Catherine with St. Chad	Edison Road	Rev B David Sims	01922 612081
The Redeemed Christian Church of God	Methodist Community hall	Pastor Debo Adesina	7958300536
The Rock Church	Eddison Road	Mr Ian Evans	01922 441721
<i>Gausia Mosque and Islamic Centre,</i>	<i>15 Birchills Street, Birchills, WS2 8QB</i>		<i>01922640787</i>
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Pelsall			-
Pelsall Evangelical Church	Old Town Lane	Rev Tim Smylie	01922 685071
Pelsall Methodist Church	Chapel Street	Rev Liz Dunning	01922 445802
St. Michael And All Angels Pelsall	Pelsall Parish Church	Prebendary Carl Ramsay	01922 682098

Willenhall South			
Church of God of Prophecy	Everest Road	Rev Edgar Millen	01216 865 459
Life and Light Church (Roma Gypsy Church)	Union Street	Pastor Shane Lee	-
Mount Olive Apostolic Church	Temple Bar	Bishop Geoff Downie	01902 634460
New Testament Church Of God Willenhall	Upper Lichfield Street	. Rev. Lloyd Atterbury	0190 260 3885
Portobello Methodist Church	New Street	Rev Graham Slingo	01902 605634
St. Anne's Church	Ann St.(Off StAnnes Rd.)	The Revd G A Welsby CMP	(01902) 605722
St. Giles Church	Walsall Street	Revd Andrew Welsby	01902 605722
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Leveson Street	Fr Michael Amalados	01902 605043
St. Stephen The Martyr	27 Wolverhampton Street	Revd Graham Bennett	01902 605239
Willenhall Christian Fellowship	Pavillion in the Park	Mr Alan Wood	01922 493886
Willenhall Salvation Army	Field Street	Captain Deanne Dougan	01902 632567
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