

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week commencing 13th September 2020, 14th Sunday after Trinity

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. Psalm 103 v 8-9

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We're still back!! Please note that the new restrictions reducing the permitted number of people taking part in social gatherings from 30 to 6 in England, **does not apply to worship in churches.** Today's service at 4pm will be said Eucharist using Common Worship as our liturgy. Please let Fr Glenn know on 0796 4282 278 if you plan to attend the service as this will greatly help in the organisation of chairs for worship in line with the current regulations. If there's no answer please leave a message.

Today's 1st Reading Genesis 50 v 15-21

2nd Reading Romans 14 v 1-12

Gospel Reading Matthew 18 v 21-35

This Sunday evening Father Glenn hold **Evening Prayer online at 6pm.** Click on the Church website, and then click onto Virtual Church. Mthr Victoria continues to stream Compline online at 9pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday each week.

Nb. Private Prayer: From now on the church will only be open for private prayer on Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 noon.

Please note: That a mask or face covering must be worn when entering the church for private prayer sessions and services. You will not be expected to wear a mask if you have a legitimate reason not to do so.

September Services: Whilst everyone is getting used to being back in church and ironing out any gremlins in the system, the services for the remainder of September will be similar to today's service using Common Worship. However, it is intended that a Book of Common Prayer Eucharist will be included in the future pattern of services.

Quick prayer: This Sunday is **Education Sunday.** We pray for all those in our schools, colleges and those about to go off to university. Lord keep them safe and instil in all of us the sense of responsibility to keep others safe as well.

Log onto our website for more information
www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

We pray for those who are sick: - Philippa, Rosie, Alex, Jean, Margaret Emms, Marion, Alexei, Dora, Margaret Mills, Margaret Savage, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon & Naomi, Pastor Robin Baker, Colin, Steven, and Margaret Andrew.

Mthr. Victoria's ordination to priest, which was postponed due to the lockdown, is planned to take place **here in church at 4pm on September 27th, with Bishop John** officiating. Do keep her and all others to be ordained priest, and deacon this Michaelmas, in your prayers. It is imperative that you let Glenn know on 0796 4282 278 if you intend coming since there are likely to be several visitors wishing to attend, as well as members of ours and the Bridge congregations.

Foodbanks: If you can, please support foodbanks during this time of considerable anxiety for many, especially as the number of unemployed people is dramatically increasing.

Ann Robinson has a variety of **jams and chutneys** for sale. If you are interested in buying some then please phone her on 893214 to arrange payment and collection.

The vestry clear out! If you think there is something in the vestry which is yours and you wish to claim it, please speak to Fr Glenn asap - or it may be too late!

'Open Conversations' round 2. You will hopefully have received an email from Fr Glenn this week highlighting the importance of our involvement in these conversations. These will take place via Zoom on the following dates: Tuesday 8th September: 3-5pm & 6-8 pm; Friday 18th September 10am -12 noon; Monday 21st September 6 -8 pm; Tuesday 22nd September 6 - 8 pm; Thursday 24th September 6 – 8 pm; Monday 28th September 2 – 4 pm; 6 – 8 pm . To sign up for a conversations, please contact the training team with your preferred date on training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01905 732812. You will be sent the Zoom details ahead of the conversation.

Please give notices for inclusion in next week's edition to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk

