

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 17th March 2019, Lent 2**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid. Psalm 27 v 1-2*

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March –**

9.00 am said Eucharist

10.30 Adult and children Arts and Craft session in the hall, all are welcome.

6.30pm sung Evensong (BCP)

Hymns: 6 Abide with me.

15 All my hope on God is founded

154 Give thanks with a grateful heart

560 Will you come and follow me

A children's corner is at the back of the church.

**Services for W/C 17th March**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am said Eucharist

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am sung Eucharist (CW)

**We pray** for those who are sick:- Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Jean Lees, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Margaret Mills, Marion Williams, Tally, Alexei, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, Margaret Savage, Ann Heath, Liz, Janie and Stewart Kirby, Nesta Pearman, Hazel Richards, Heather, Ben Crawford, Talisein and their families.

**Tali (Talisien)** Following her request for information, Pauline has received an update about the condition of Talisein. He suffers from hystiocitosis, a very rare condition affecting just 50 children in the UK a year. Tali's prognosis at this time is very good, he is expected to need a year of chemotherapy at varying strengths to get him clear and then regular check-ups. We wish him well and will continue to pray for him.

**The Children's Society boxes:** *Pauline asks if people with collection boxes, yet to be handed in, could ring her on 892650 so that she can make arrangements to come and collect them.*

**Financial accounts:** Ann Robinson writes 'The 2018 accounts have been approved by the PCC and a signed copy is posted on the notice board. This year there is also an extra page of notes to clarify and answer some questions in advance. There are 4 copies in the folder at the back of church that may be taken and read then returned asap for others to read, BUT must not be marked as they are the official copies I need. Any questions must be addressed to Ann R before the AGM please.'

**Messy Church:** *Glenn is still on the hunt for a few more people to help at Messy Church, especially to cover those who are unable to attend on any given date. Ideally for each session 7/8 people are needed. Please see Glenn if you are able to volunteer, even occasionally, to help ensure a future for our church.*

**Lent Course: 'The Greatest Showman'** is the theme for this year's Lent Course which started last Wednesday. There are a further 4 sessions to be held on each Wednesday at 11 am at the Bridge and at 7pm here at Astwood Bank.

**New Rota of readers, servers, etc.** The next rota is currently being compiled; please let Julia Savage know **asap** if there are any dates from the 31st March to the 16th June when you will not be available. *New volunteers are always welcome.*

**WELL WOULD YOU ADAM AND EVE IT!! ON THIS VERY DAY 73 YEARS AGO PAM EMERY AND JOHN YEOMANS WERE CONFIRMED IN THIS CHURCH BY BISHOP WILLIAM CASH, BISHOP OF WORCESTER. BUT EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE IS THE FACT THAT ALSO ON THAT DAY PAM WAS ENROLLED INTO THE FULL CHURCH CHOIR HAVING COMPLETED HER PROBATIONARY PERIOD. WELL DONE 'THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT'.**

**Churches together in Redditch (CTiR):** This month we remember in our prayers St Laurence Church, Beoley. They give thanks for their recent Snowdrop Weekend; development of their music group and continued strong engagement through weddings, baptisms and other events. Their vision day in February provided a positive time of reflection and mutual encouragement. They are excited about the forthcoming arrival of two new members of staff: Anne Batchelor as their Mission Enabler and Francis Moloney as Curate. Sadly they have suffered 13 deaths in their church family since last July which has severely impacted on individuals and the church community.

**Electoral Roll:** This year a brand new Electoral Roll needs to be compiled so anyone wishing to be on the Roll must fill in a fresh form. Please collect a form from either **Tony Strong** or from the plastic envelope pinned up at the rear of the church. Please put completed forms in the box provided or hand to Tony by April 12th.

**Spotlight Notices:** Please give notices for inclusion in Spotlight to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at [richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk)

