

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week commencing 18th October 2020, 19th Sunday after Trinity

Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to the Emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's" Matthew 22 v21

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This Sunday'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 **any of the services** here at SS Matthias & George as this will greatly help in the layout of chairs for worship in line with current regulations. If there is no answer please leave a message.

Today's 1st Reading Exodus 33: v 12 -23
Alternative reading Isaiah: v 1-7
2nd Reading I Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 15-22

Evening Prayer will be said online at 6pm each Sunday evening. Mthr Victoria continues to stream **Compline** online at 9pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday each week.

Weekday services have now been resumed across the Benefice at the following times each week:
Tuesday 10 am Astwood Bank
Wednesday 10 am The Bridge, Headless Cross (Memorial Hall)
Thursday 10 am St Peter's, Crabbs Cross.

A mask or face covering must be worn when entering the church for services. *You will not be expected to wear a mask if you have a legitimate reason not to do so*

Sunday Stars will have a 'virtual' meeting once a month from now on with the next meeting on November 1st. For October, go online, click on Sunday Stars for the story of the Sower and the Seed. Can we please let any young people know about this.

Please give notices for inclusion in next week's Spotlight to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 893560 or at
richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk
Log onto our website for more information
www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

This month **CTiR** is asking us to pray for **Redditch Foodbank**. We give *thanks* for:

- God's grace and blessing
- Donors who give generously
- Grantors who generously fund projects
- Volunteers who serve selflessly
- Agencies who discern need
- Food supplies that we share with the hungry.

We *pray* for: • The protection of volunteers • Agencies working to meet the need • Benefit payments that bring independence • Those who would normally be fed by community lunches • Anyone who is hungry today that food will be provided for them • The homeless that they will be kept safe • Clients in crisis that they will be provided for.

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

Revd David Ryan, Chaplain at the Alexandra Hospital has requested our prayers for all those receiving treatment at the Alex and other nearby hospitals, and also staff and the chaplaincy team as Covid 19 has started to increase again.

Mission Sunday In 1926, Pope Pius XI decided the Church needed a special day on which to pray for missionaries, and to renew its commitment to the missions. Today, World Mission Day is celebrated on the penultimate Sunday in October, all around the globe, as a sign of support and solidarity for missions and missionaries everywhere.

Today the call to mission emerges as an "invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour" through "service and intercessory prayer". With Covid 19 seemingly putting a halt on anything other than the Church's survival, we need to reaffirm through prayer and reflection our active participation in Jesus's mission for His Church.

With the possibility of a tightening of the Covid restrictions affecting us here in Astwood Bank, as an act of mission, do we have a neighbour who may like to come with us to a Sunday or weekday service?

