

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week commencing 1st November 2020, All Saints Day

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ".....All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." Matthew 23 v 1, 12

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This Sunday's service at 4pm will be said Eucharist with 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 Joshua 3 v 7 - 17
Alternative reading Micah 3 v 5 - 7
2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 2 v 9 - 13
Gospel Reading Matthew 23 v 1 - 12

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 across the Benefice are 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.
*** NEW* starting Friday 6th November 10am informal Eucharist, The Bridge, followed by a Zoom bible share at 11am (email Mthr Victoria for Zoom link)**

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: There is a new letter on the website from Irene, plus activities to do during November. Go onto the website and click on Sunday Stars. Please pass this information onto any young people with whom you're in contact.

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

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.

Tomorrow! All Souls Service, 6pm Monday 2nd November at SS Matthias & George. Invitations have been sent to local people who have lost loved ones in the past year to attend an All Souls remembrance service. **This service is also open to all members of the congregation** so please contact Fr Glenn asap should you wish to attend. If you wish the names of loved ones to be remembered then they can be given to him by email, telephone or by a note through the door **by Sunday November 1st.**

Today, All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows Day, (saints have historically been known as hallows) honours all known and unknown saints and martyrs, that is all those who have attained heaven. The Christian celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Days stem from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the 'Church Triumphant') and the living (the 'Church Militant').

In Methodist theology, All Saints Day revolves around 'giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints including those who are "famous or obscure"'. Whilst this would include people such as St Paul, Augustine of Hippo and John Wesley, it also includes individuals who have personally led one to faith in Jesus, such as one's grandmother or friend.

Haribos wanted!: We've been asked to support the charity 'Home for Good', based in Worcester, which works in the field of fostering and adoption to support families and children in this area. They are putting together little care packages for children who are 18 and leaving the care system.

Based on their experience from last year, they are asking for specific items and for our parish they have asked if we can provide a range of Haribo sweets which proved very popular last year. If you can, please bring any variety of Haribo sweets to church on either the 1st, 8th or 15th or drop them off at the Vicarage. Mel Beynon is overseeing the practicalities of liaising with the charity and delivery of the sweets which has a deadline of Friday November 20th.

