

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 20th September 2020, 15th Sunday after Trinity

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 145: v 8

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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 Exodus 16: 2-15
Alternative 1st Reading Jonah 3: 4-11
2nd Reading Philippians 1: 21-30
Gospel Reading Matthew 20 1-16

This Sunday evening Father Glenn will 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: *The church will only be open for private prayer on Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 noon. 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.*

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.

We pray for the soul of Margaret Mills, aged 95 and a long-time member of our congregation, who has recently died, and hold her family in our prayers. A funeral service for her will be held in church at 10.45 am on Monday 21st September.

September Services: Plans are being made for our services going forward. Whilst everyone is getting used to being back in church and ironing out any gremlins in the system, the services for the remainder of this month will be similar to today’s service using Common Worship. It is intended, however, that a Book of Common Prayer Eucharist will be included in the future pattern of services.

Mthr. Victoria. *This week we particularly hold Mthr. Victoria, Chris, Hannah and Stephen in our prayers as Victoria prepares for one of the most important and tumultuous events in her life. Her **ordination** as priest is taking place **here** in church at **4pm on September 27th**, with **Bishop John** officiating. We pray also for all those to be ordained priest that weekend, and deacon this Michaelmas. 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: *It may be boring to read the same notice week in-week out, but if it’s a vital issue then it needs to be stated.* If you can, please support foodbanks during this time of considerable anxiety for many, especially as the number of local unemployed people is increasing.

Ann Robinson still has a variety of **jams and chutneys** left for sale. If you are interested in buying some, (*they taste delicious!*) then please phone her on 893214 to arrange payment and collection.

‘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: 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.

Quick prayer: We pray: for all those recently returned to lockdown: *for the future success of the ‘Track and trace’ campaign, and anti-body testing;* for all God’s people in this time of uncertainty and concern. That our eternal hope would make an earthly difference.

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

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