

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 24th February 2019**

*The disciples said "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?" Like 8 v 25*

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)  
Hymns: 69 Breathe on me breath of God  
106 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
366 O God our help in ages past  
27 Amazing Grace

**Services for W/C 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Mid-day prayers  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am said Eucharist  
Sunday 3rd March 9.00 am said Eucharist  
(Book of Common Prayer)  
10.30 informal Family Service led by Irene.

Please stay and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea in the hall after the church service. A children's corner is at the back of the church.

**We pray** for those who are sick:- Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Edna Weale, 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 and their families.

**Tali (Tally):** We are seeking information about a boy called Tali who has been on our prayer list for several months though no one appears to know how he is progressing. If anyone has information would they please pass it on to Pauline.

**Grateful thanks:** *Now that I'm back from holiday and picking up the reins of Spotlight again, I'd like to thank Tony Strong for not only producing Spotlight for the last 5 weeks but also for doing the printing of it at Botany Bay Nurseries and giving Sue Ratcliffe a well-earned rest as well. Tony, it is much appreciated.*  
Richard Porteous

**Home Visits:** Anyone who wishes to have a home visit or receive home communion should contact Irene Hamilton on 894179

**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)  
Log onto our website for more information  
[www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk)

**Churches together in Redditch (CTiR):** The Salvation Army thanks God for the resources He provides for them especially through the charity shop in Crabbs Cross which He continues to bless with customers, good staff and volunteers. They are at the beginning of a Mission Development Plan with support from their Divisional HQ and are seeking God's will and His Kingdom ways in this process.

They have concerns that as an ageing congregation, whilst the spirit is willing their bodies are less able to do!!

We pray also for the Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Team led by Rev David Ryan, and the work it does with the patients and staff, especially at this time of year when hospitals are most under pressure due to winter illnesses.

**Messy Church:** Glenn would like to encourage people to think about volunteering for the new Messy Church that meets once a month on a Saturday.

Ideally for each session we need 7/8 people. We would like to put a rota together for the rest of the year. A leaflet with the 2019 dates can be collected at the back of the church.

It is important that this work to reach young families in our village is supported if we want a bright and vibrant future for them and the parish.

**The Children's Society boxes:** Pauline asks if collection boxes could now be handed back in to her or alternatively, knowing how heavy that can get, she will collect them from you at home. Please contact her on 892650.

**Letter from Rev Glenn:** Glenn has written a personal letter to the congregations of The Bridge and Astwood Bank on the subject of Brexit. Copies are available at the back of the church.

**Nightstop foodbank:** There is a box at the rear of the church in which you can place food and toiletry gifts.

**Pancakes and Bingo!** Come along to the hall between 6.15 to 8pm on Shrove, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, to enjoy pancakes and bingo; bring your friends and relatives. The cost is just £1 for adults and 50p for children.

