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

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Colossians 1 v17 - 19

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> Today's Services for Sunday, 24th November, 4pm sung Eucharist for the Feast of Christ the King

Services for W/C 24th November

Monday 25th 12 noon Mid-day prayers Tuesday 26th 10.00 am said Eucharist Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday 9.00am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) **Nb. There will be no 10.30 am informal Family Service**

4.00 pm Toy Service. See notice in opposite column

Please join us after today's service in the hall for cakes, tea, soft drinks and cava - not necessarily in that order!

We pray for those who are sick:- Philippa, Rosie, Alex, Jean, Joyce, Margaret, Marion, Alexei, Ivor and Dora, Margaret, Ann, Stewart, Margaret, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Ben, Carol, Talisein, Carla and their families.

Prayer Chain: If you have someone you wish to be prayed for, please contact Pauline Jones on 892650 who will then contact other members of the Prayer Group.

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

Nightstop, New Start, Home Start: As the dank, dark, dismal days of winter seem already with us, please remember those who rely on foodbanks for their sustenance. Thank you to all those who have been bringing items for the toiletries and food bank collection at the back of church. These make a real difference to those people in Redditch most in need. We continue to support Nightstop, which supports under 25's who are homeless. We also regularly support New Start and Home Start and their families.

Dates for the diary!

Next Saturday 30th November 11am-3pm Christmas Fayre- with the Christmas Tree Festival theme being Angels. Items wanted for the fayre include

- Cakes, Raffle prizes, Tombola items,
- Gift bag with gift for a child or adult inside
- Jewellery and jewellery Boxes,
- Books CD and DVDs

Please give items to Irene or leave at the rear of the church. Volunteers and more stalls and most welcome.

Sunday 1st December 4.00 pm Toy Service. As in previous years it is hoped that lots of **Toys** will be donated for local prisoners' families who, in the words of local Prison Chaplain, Rev Margie Schutte, are families who serve a 'second sentence'. **Toys** for babies up to teenagers should not be wrapped but placed in a Christmas or plain bag; they'll be wrapped later. Please bring any presents until <u>28th November</u> to Irene's house at 1079 Evesham Road and <u>thereafter</u> to the service on Sunday 1st December.

Thursday 19th December 6.30 – 8pm, **Carols Around the Village**

Tuesday 24th December 6pm Christingle and Nativity. <u>11.30 pm</u> - Christmas Eve Mass

Stamps: It will soon be Christmas card time! Pam Emery is collecting stamps for a charity; please put any you may have in the box at the back of the church or in an envelope through Pam's letterbox.

Spotlight Notices: Please give notices for inclusion in Spotlight to <u>Richard Porteous</u> by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at <u>richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk</u>.

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