

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week commencing 27th September 2020, 16th Sunday after Trinity
The ordination of Mthr Victoria Barlow

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6 v 8

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We welcome the Right Reverend Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester and Revd. Dr John Fitzmaurice, Diocesan Director of Ordinands to this afternoon's ordination service. You will find the order of service in the booklet on your seats.

Today's 1st Reading Philippians 2: v 1-13
Gospel Reading John 6 v 52-58

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.

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.*

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, whose funeral was held on Monday 21st September, and hold her family in our prayers.

September Services: Plans are being made for our services going forward. Whilst everyone has been getting used to being back in church and ironing out any gremlins in the system, the services have been using Common Worship. It is intended, however, that a BCP Eucharist will be included in the future pattern of services.

*Please let **Fr Glenn** know on 0796 4282 278 if you plan to attend any church services 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.*

Irene will be putting a further **Sunday Stars** letter online during the first week of October. Please let any young people know about this.

We pray for **Mthr Victoria** as she embarks on her career as an ordained priest and for Chris, Hannah and Stephen as they support her in this venture. Here is a prayer adapted from one written for ordinands by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. *'Lord Jesus we ask you to throw your mantle of purity over Mthr Victoria. Protect and guide her, and keep her in your heart. Be a Mother to her, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love her and keep her belonging completely to You. Keep her mind filled with You, and may You always be on her lips, so that You are the one she offers to sinner and to all she meets. Father, bless her and keep a special place for her within your love. Give her a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that she, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ.'*

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, all proceeds going to church funds. 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. The final 'conversation' relating to the future of the Church within our Diocese takes place via Zoom on the Monday 28th September 2 – 4 pm; 6 – 8 pm. To sign up for a conversations, please contact the training team with your preferred time on training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01905 732812. You will be sent the Zoom details ahead of the conversation.

Mel Beynon: *Last Sunday we welcomed in church Melissa (Mel) Beynon who is with us on a placement from Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. Mel, who is a Lay Reader, will be with us until about Christmas and hopes to be ordained as a Deacon sometime next year. Mel, we look forward to meeting you again soon.*

Nb the change! Please give notices for inclusion in next week's edition to **TONY STRONG** by next Thursday on 01527 893560.

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