St Matthias & St George Parish Church. A member of "Christ the King" team ministry. Week Commencing 28th July 2019 Trinity 6

"If you then, who are sinners, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11 v 13

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Today's Services for Sunday, 28th July Trinity 6

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)Hymns: 541 What a friend we have in Jesus293 Lead us heavenly father lead us384 O Love that will not let me go372 O Jesus I have promised

Services for W/C 28th July

Please note that there will be no weekday services until the start of the new school term in September.

There will also be no Sunday Stars meetings until September.

The next Informal Family Service will be on September 1st.

Sunday 4th August 9.00 am said Eucharist.(Book of Common Prayer) There will be no Informal Family Service.

We pray for those who are sick:- Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Jean Lees, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Margaret Mills, Marion Williams, Alexei, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, Margaret Savage, Ann Heath, Stewart Kirby, Nesta Pearman, Hazel Richards, Heather, Ben Crawford, John, Carol Tolley, Talisein, together with their families

A prayer notice board is available for requests at the rear of the church. Please write on it prayers for those who are sick or who need our prayer support for any reason.

Home Visits: Anyone who wishes to have a pastoral 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 Log onto our website for more information www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

Appeal to help refugees - Can you help? Bromsgrove & Redditch Welcomes Refugees (BRWR), working with People In Motion (PIM), have over the last two years been collecting donations of clothes, shoes, tents, sleeping bags, blankets and coats which are then sent out to refugees in northern France or Greece. They will be at The Bridge Church on the first Saturday of each month; the next collection being on Saturday 3rd August from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. You can go and chat with representatives and find out more about this work, or phone Sue Yeng on 07973 130964.

International Day of Friendship is on Tuesday, 30th July: The original idea for a day of friendship came from Hallmark cards in the 1930's. Originally celebrated on 2nd August, the day was largely viewed cynically by the public as a money making exercise, sales of friendship day cards did not take off in Europe and by the mid-1940's the day had faded into obscurity in the USA. The idea of a day to honour friendship was, however, adopted by a number of countries in Asia where it remained a popular custom to reserve a day for celebrating friendships and the exchange of gifts between friends. The first World Friendship Day was proposed for 30 July 1958 by the World Friendship Crusade, an international civil organisation that campaigns to foster a culture of peace through friendship. Many years later, in 2011, the 30th July was declared as the International Day of Friendship by the General Assembly of United Nations.

On Friday 28th July, Richard and Ann Porteous visited Richard's pen friend, Hubertus and his wife Andrea, at their summer home in Germany. Next year they hope to meet up again to celebrate their 60th year of international friendship.

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