St Matthias & St George Parish Church. A member of "Christ the King" team ministry. Week Commencing 29th December 2019

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his Angels: praise him all his host. Psalm 148 v 1-2

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Services for today Sunday, 29th December, 1st Sunday after Christmas

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) we welcome Rev Barry Jones to lead us.

Hymns 18 All praise to thee

65 Born in the night

84 Christians awake!

182 Good Christians all, rejoice!

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.

Services for W/C 29th December There will be no weekday services this week

Sunday January 5th Nb The 9am service on January 5th will <u>NOT</u> be a Prayer Book Service. There will be a special Order of Service to mark the high point of Christmas; the Feast of Epiphany. The liturgy will include the blessing of the church for Epiphany. There will also be a sheet of prayers available that people can take away in order to bless their own homes.

10.30 am Informal Family Service led by Irene

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

Foodbanks: There is a box at the rear of the church in which food and toiletry gifts can be placed which will go to **Nightstop.**

Thanks: Fr Glenn says, "I would like to thank everyone involved in the Christmas Services, and the preparation and decoration of the church for our Christmas celebrations. All your efforts are truly appreciated."

Thanks for Foliage: Rhonda would like to thank those who have contributed foliage for the decoration of the church.

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>.

Log onto our website for more information www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

Radiate Redditch will be open 24th December to 1st January inclusive (closed 28th December) at the Ecumenical Centre, Evesham Walk. The **Daytime Drop-in** will offer hot drinks and snacks during the day, a hot meal at lunchtime, and most importantly a warm, friendly atmosphere from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

This year, whilst no overnight accommodation will be provided, a Severe Weather Emergency Provision will be available at Redditch Baptist Church on nights when the temperature is predicted to fall below freezing. Please contact the charity Streetlink: 0300 500 0914 or via www.streetlink.org.uk if you meet anyone in need of a place to sleep.

'Open conversations' The Diocese is planning a series of meetings around the diocese to look at how ministry is going to be funded in the future in light of current budget problems. The Diocese is already planning to cut 15 stipendiary posts! Please take a leaflet from the back of the church and attend one of the meetings if you can.

A Celtic Blessing: Good health, every day, whether I see you or not! May your cup overflow with health and happiness. May all your days be happy ones. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Faith at Work in Worcestershire is holding a meeting to raise awareness of the current issue of modern day slavery and human trafficking. The meeting will be on Saturday February 8th from 10am to 1 pm at The Ark, St Laurence Church, Alverchurch. The event is free and fully accessible. The morning will be led by two members of the West Mercia Police, Exploitation and Vulnerability Team

Tickets are available from:

Online: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/slavery-and-human-trafficking-in-our-economy-tickets-83980123811?aff=affiliate1

Email:comms@faithatwork.org.uk

Phone: 01905 621 780

Stamps! Christmas may have gone but please put any stamps collected from Christmas cards in the box at the back of the church or in an envelope through Pam Emery's letterbox.

Peaceful blessings to you all for the New Year and throughout 2020

