

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 29th March 2020 Lent 5

Jesus said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” John 11 v 25-26

Welcome again to Spotlight for another week. During the coming week please do read the collects, readings and gospel which accompany this, together with the short Homily provided by Father Mike Bartlett. Perhaps go to our website and follow Father Glenn as he live streams the Eucharist at 10.30 am this Sunday or watch Mother Victoria on the website or on Facebook as she daily live-streams Compline. (See the box below)

Do remember to let me have details of any upcoming birthdays, anniversaries or of any other information relating to our church family, though please ask their permission first.

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We pray for those who are sick: - Philippa, Rosie, Alex, Jean, Joyce, Margaret, Marion, Alexei, Dora, Margaret, Margaret, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon, Pastor Robin Baker and Colin Baines.

Nightstop Foodbank: With certain items of food still flying off the shelves in the supermarkets as some people stockpile them, it is imperative that foodbanks are well stocked for those less well off than ourselves. Please give as generously as you can and place items of food and toiletries in the **box provided in the porch by the west door.**

Redditch Foodbank: A new manager of Redditch Foodbank (RF) has recently been appointed – Revd Ian Evans (some people may have already met him as past Curate at Christchurch). RF also has a new venue; from Monday 30 March it will be opening at 24, Church Green East, Redditch, next to NatWest and opposite the library. This will be the main office and only distribution centre for RF. Opening times will be 11-2pm Monday to Thursday and 10-1pm on Friday though there are plans to increase the opening times in the future. Ian and a group of volunteers have done a great job decorating and preparing the building. We hope to offer signposting for other agencies too. There are lots of exciting plans for moving on this project further and **we’d appreciate your prayers** for this venture. Donations are also much appreciated especially at this time helping to provide food for so many extra needs. Thank you. Julia Savage – Redditch Foodbank Volunteer.

I’m sure Julie would like this information passed on to anyone you feel would benefit from it. RP

Our website: Be sure to go onto our website www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk and under ‘on-line resources’ see all the material that Mother Victoria has uploaded to help us through the coming weeks. She also wishes to mention that the Holy Eucharist **IS** live streamed every Sunday at 10.30 on the Church website, (go to Virtual Church) and that she is live-streaming Compline each night at 9.20 pm, on Facebook. Victoria also states that ‘In this way, there **ARE** services, and we can in a sense all worship together as a dispersed community.’

CTiR asks us to pray for our local hospitals and health centres. Rev David Ryan, Hospital Chaplain says “Please pray for the Alex and other nearby hospitals where local people may be receiving care and treatment. Pray particularly for patients, families and staff at this time of stress and distress. Do as well please pray for the Chaplaincy team as we care and minister to people.’

Churches Together England: *Following the overwhelming response which the National Call to Prayer and Action received on Mothering Sunday, CTE has prepared a candle poster for those who would like to place a permanent symbol in their front windows of Christ’s light shining in the darkness. This poster has been made available due to our awareness of the potential fire risk posed by lighting live candles, particularly on windowsills. We are keen to avoid adding any pressure to our emergency service personnel, particularly at this difficult time! More details will follow about availability.*

Please give notices for inclusion in next week’s edition to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk
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