

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit ...is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3: 17*  
*"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Luke 9 v 35*

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March - The Transfiguration**

9.00 am said Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am informal Family Service led by Irene

**Services for W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am said Eucharist

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday sung Eucharist Service and Imposition of Ashes.**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am said Eucharist (C W) with Sunday Stars in the hall.

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.

**We pray** for those who are sick:- Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Jean Lees, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Margaret Mills, Marion Williams, Tally, Alexei, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, Margaret Savage, Ann Heath, Liz, Janie and Stewart Kirby, Nesta Pearman, Hazel Richards, Heather, Ben Crawford and their families.

**Tali (Tally):** We are seeking information about a boy called Tali who has been on our prayer list for several months though no one appears to know how he is progressing. If anyone has information would they please pass it on to Pauline.

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

**Astwood Bank Café:** will be meeting this Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March from 2 -4pm in the hall. The café welcomes those with dementia together with their carers along with those who may feel lonely and isolated. Tea and biscuits will be provided as well as activities each session for people to enjoy.

**Spotlight Notices:** Please give notices for inclusion in Spotlight to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at [richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk)  
Log onto our website for more information  
[www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk)

**Messy Church:** Glenn would like to encourage people to think about volunteering for the new Messy Church that meets once a month on a Saturday. Ideally for each session we need 7/8 people. We would like to put a rota together for the rest of the year. A leaflet with the 2019 dates can be collected at the back of the church. It is important to support this work, of reaching young families in our village, if we want a bright and vibrant future for them and the parish.

***The Children's Society boxes:** Pauline asks if collection boxes could now be handed back in to her or alternatively, knowing how heavy that can get, she will collect them from you at home. Please contact her on 892650.*

**'The Greatest Showman'** is the theme for this year's Lent Course to be held on 5 Wednesdays starting March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the Bridge Memorial Hall and at 7pm here at Astwood Bank. As a precursor to the course, **there is a showing of the film 'The Greatest Showman' at the Memorial Hall tomorrow 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.** The film is open to anyone whether they intend attending the course or not.

***Pancakes and Bingo!*** Come along to the hall between 6.15 and 8pm on **Shrove Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**, to enjoy pancakes and bingo; bring your friends and relatives. The cost is just £1 for adults and 50p for children. Please let Irene know if you are coming so that she can buy sufficient ingredients.

**New Rota of readers, servers, prayer readers, tea/coffee servers:** The next rota is currently being compiled; please let Julia Savage know asap or **at least by the 15<sup>th</sup> March** if there are any dates from the 31<sup>st</sup> March (Mothering Sunday) to the 16<sup>th</sup> June when you will not be available. *New volunteers are always welcome.* The new notice will have a reminder at the bottom that those on the rota are responsible for finding their own 'swaps' once the rota is circulated, and to alter the master copy on the noticeboard of any changes.

