

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 4th August 2019 Trinity 7**

*If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3 v:1*

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August  
Trinity 7**

9.00 am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer). We welcome Rev. Barry Jones to lead the service.

**There will be no Informal Family Service.**

**Services for W/C 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 am sung Eucharist, (Common Worship)***

**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 and Pam, 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

**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

**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)

**Churches Together in Redditch (CTiR):**

During this month we are asked to give thanks in our prayers for summer holidays spent at home or away. We pray for summer activities offered and enjoyed by all Redditch churches i.e. Open Church; drop in opportunities, children's clubs and other initiatives. We pray for both enjoyment and safety and that visitors will catch at least a glimpse of Jesus as they encounter his love through his people.

The CTiR prayer and healing tent will be at Morton Stanley Park on 17th/18th August for the annual festival there. For more information on the event please see: <https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/things-to-do/events-in-redditch/morton-stanley-festival.aspx> . and for more information at: <https://www.facebook.com/Morton-Stanley-Festival-224058377708251/>

**The result of too many sermons?**

One Sunday morning, the vicar noticed little Alex staring up at the large plaque that hung on a wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small Union Flags were mounted on either side of it.

The seven year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the vicar walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Father," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Father Phillips, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:00 or 10:30 service?"

**Nightstop Foodbank:** There is a box at the rear of the church in which food and toiletry gifts can be placed. This food does make a real difference to those people in Redditch most in need. We continue to support Nightstop, which supports under 25's who are homeless and Home Start and their families."







