St Matthias & St George Parish Church. A member of "Christ the King" team ministry. Week commencing 6th September 2020, 13th Sunday after Trinity

Jesus said "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18 v 20 (Rather appropriate for our return to church worship.)

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We're back!! On Sunday 6th September we're back in church at 4pm for a said Eucharist using Common Worship as our liturgy. Please come to share in the resumption of our communal worship after such a long absence. Please let Fr Glenn know on 0796 4282 278 if you plan to attend the service as this will greatly help in the organisation of chairs for worship in line with the current regulations. If there's no answer please leave a message Nb. The service is at 4pm.

Today's 1st Reading Ezekiel 33 v 7-11 2nd Reading Romans 13 v 8-14 Gospel Reading Matthew 18 v 15-20

This Sunday evening: Watch Father Glenn hold Evening Prayer online at 6pm. Click on the Church website, and then click onto Virtual Church. Mthr Victoria continues to stream Compline online at 9pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday each week.

Private Prayer: From now on the church will only be open for private prayer on Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 noon.

Please note: That a mask or face covering must be worn when entering the church for private prayer sessions and services. You will not be expected to wear a mask if you have a legitimate reason not to do so.

September Services: Whilst everyone is getting used to being back in church and ironing out any gremlins in the system, the services for the remainder of September will be similar to today's service using Common Worship. However, going forward it is intended that a Book of Common Prayer Eucharist will be included in the pattern of services.

Mthr. Victoria's ordination to priest, which was postponed due to the lockdown, is planned to take place here in church at 4pm on September 27th with Bishop John officiating. Do keep her and all others to be ordained priest, and deacon this Michaelmas, in your prayers. It is imperative that you let Glenn know if you intend coming since there are likely to be several visitors wishing to attend, as well as members of ours and the Bridge congregations.

We pray for those who are sick: - Philippa, Rosie, Alex, Jean, Margaret Emms, Marion, Alexei, Dora, Margaret Mills, Margaret Savage, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon & Naomi, Pastor Robin Baker, Colin, Steven, and Margaret Andrew.

Foodbanks: If you can, please support foodbanks during this time of considerable anxiety for many, especially as the number of unemployed people is dramatically increasing.

Jams and chutney for sale! Ann Robinson has a variety of jams and chutneys for sale. If you are interested in buying some then please phone her on 893214 to arrange payment and collection.

Quick prayers: For those with chronic illnesses and underlying health concerns. For those struggling with their faith. For all those who mourn and those who comfort them.

The vestry clear out! This very occasional event has started. If you think there is something in the vestry which is yours and you wish to claim it, please speak to Fr Glenn asap.

tomorrow, 7th September, and to Sue Fulton on September 9th. May you both thoroughly enjoy the day.

Change is afoot! Open Conversations round

2! Have you signed up for one of the 'Conversations about change'? These will take place via Zoom on the following dates: Tuesday 8th September: 3-5pm & 6-8 pm; Friday 18th September 10am -12 noon; Monday 21st September 6-8 pm; Tuesday 22th September 6-8 pm; Thursday 24th September 6-8 pm; Monday 28th September 2-4 pm; 6-8 pm. To sign up for a conversations, please contact the training team with your preferred date on training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01905 732812. You will be sent the Zoom details ahead of the conversation.

Please give notices for inclusion in next week's edition to <u>Richard Porteous</u> by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at <u>richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk</u>

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