

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 30th July 2017.**

**Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church**

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*

**Fr Michael Bartlett – Team Rector.**  
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**Today’s Service for Sunday 30th July, 7th Sunday after Trinity**  
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship) We welcome Revd. **Barry Jones** to lead our worship today.  
Sunday Stars are on their summer break.

**Services for W/C 30 July**

There are **no Monday/Tuesday services** until September whilst Father Glenn is on holiday. We pray that Father Glenn, Helen and their family will have an enjoyable, and refreshing holiday.  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
9.00am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) led by Father Mike Bartlett.  
There will be **no** Family Service at 10.30am

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**Home visits:** Anyone who wishes to have a home visit or receive home communion should contact Irene Hamilton on 01527 894179.

**We pray for those who are sick:-** Mick Bolt, Philippa Kreuser, Alex, Karen & Dale Roberts, Colin & Alison Daines, Marion Lee, Edna Weale, Jean Lees, Duncan Glover, Kate Vicos, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Elaine Pemberton, Alexie and Bettina, together with their families.

We pray for the soul of Mary Ethel Hughes (nee Colley), long-time member of our choir, who has recently died.

Occasionally there is space in ‘Spotlight’ for people to write a **short** article appropriate to a church newsletter. So if there is something you would wish to say – a favourite bible passage, a prayer, a group of disadvantaged people you would wish us all to be aware of - then please let me have your piece and I will try to fit it in.

I thought I would start by offering a comment about the ‘here today gone tomorrow’ nature of aspects of our lives. Over the past few years there have been many terrible natural and manmade disasters when thousands of people have died and countless made homeless.

We see the shocking images of them on our TV screens and in our papers, but after a few days they disappear both from the media and often our own consciousness - ‘here today and gone tomorrow’.

But not of course for the thousands of victims who have lost everything (many their lives) who continue to suffer for years.

Let us offer up a prayer for the victims who have survived, whose lives have been devastated and who can only see the misery of today and feel there is no bright tomorrow.

*‘Loving God, hold in your hand all whose lives have been scarred by disasters and who feel forgotten as time drags by. At this time, heal hurting minds and give encouragement and hope to those whose lives have drained of joy. Surround them with caring people with compassionate hearts who can comfort them and share their emotional pain of loss. In your mercy, Lord, rebuild the communities that have been cruelly damaged and restore those individuals who have been broken by their experiences.’*

**Spotlight Notices:** Please note that Richard Porteous is on holiday for much of next week so there will be a shortened version of Spotlight next Sunday.

