

**Spotlight Link Newsletter.**

**Astwood Bank Parish Church in friendship with Astwood Bank Methodist Church.**

**Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**

**Fr Michael Bartlett** Tel 01527 545709.

**Team Rector.**

St Peter's Crabbs Cross

**Fr Glenn Reading** Tel 01527 894436 or

07964282278 **Team Vicar.**

**Rev Bob Thomas** Tel 01527 541885

**Methodist Minister.**

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**Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church, Church Road, Astwood Bank B96 6EH**

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**Services for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September(Trinity 12)**

9-00am BCP Holy Communion led by Fr Glenn

.10-30am Family Informal service led by Irene

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**Service for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

10-00am CW Eucharist led by Fr Glenn.

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**Service for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 13)**

10-30am Sung Eucharist CW led .by Fr Glenn &

Sunday Stars led by Irene Hamilton.

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There is a hearing loop for those with impaired hearing. Please stay and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea after this service served in the Church Hall.

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**Methodist Church, Chapel Street.**

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**A Statement from Rev Bob Thomas.**

On 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3-00pm one hundred and fifty one years of Methodist worship will come to an end in Astwood Bank .At that time friends from the community and across the Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit will gather in celebration of the life and witness of the congregation over the years. The worship will cease but the work will continue as the community groups—After School Funzone, YMCA ,Puppy Club ,Fund raising Coffee mornings, and the Welfare Association-among them continue to use the premises for their own activities

Mr Barrie Summers will continue to manage the building and the lettings and Mrs Anne Finch will continue to manage the money on behalf of the Church .The future use of the premises is under consideration but no immediate changes ,other than the cessation of public worship is envisaged. The decision was reluctantly made by the trustees after sustained attempts to draw in new people which included door-to-door visits and invitations in the vicinity of the Church and coffee mornings to raise funds, not for the Church but for local charities. Next time you are passing and the door is open why not look in?

**Spotlight Notices** for inclusion next week please give to Brian by 1-00pm on Thursday on 892213 or e mail to [brianrichards@talktalk.net](mailto:brianrichards@talktalk.net) .

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**The stamps & 5p collections** are still ongoing.

The box for stamps is situated at back of church

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**Congratulations to Diane & Richard**, parents and Joyce & Peter proud grandparents on the birth of Harvey Richard Walker on 15<sup>th</sup> August. We think of the whole family in our prayers today.

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**We continue to pray for** MickBolt, Jean Green, Philippa Kreuser, Alex, Eileen, Mike Lawes, Karen& Dale Roberts, Ena Treadgold, Colin & Alison Daines, Kathleen Moody, Maisie Harber, Anne Bush, Marion Lee, Edna Weale, Paul Johnson, John Hart, Christopher Winter.Harry Wells and all their families.

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**Pastoral Care.** If you know anyone requesting a pastoral visit or Home Communion please contact Irene Hamilton on 894179

For a hospital visit or bedside Communion please contact Margaret Andrew on 01527 540658.

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**Prayer Notice Board** is available for prayer requests at back of Church. Please pray for those who are sick and all whom need our prayer support together with Sue Essam our CMS missionary.

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**The Prayer Chain** is lead by Pauline Jones and to address urgent prayer requests please ring Pauline on 892650. The Prayer group continues on Thursdays, but also use the Prayer Board, as described above.

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