

**Spotlight Link Newsletter.**

**Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**Fr Michael Bartlett** - Tel 01527 545709.

**Team Rector.**

St Peter's Crabbs Cross

**Fr Glenn Reading** - Tel 01527 894436 or 07964

282278 **Team Vicar**

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

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**Service for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany )**

10-30am CW Eucharist led by Fr Glenn. & Sunday Stars led by Irene.

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**Service for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

10-00am Said Eucharist CW led by Fr Glenn.

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**Services for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2**

9-000am CW Sung Eucharist led by Fr Glenn

10-30am Sunday Stars in hall/church with Irene,

.6-30pm BCP Evensong led by Fr Glenn.

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[www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk)

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**Reports on Christmas Activities.**

Thanks to Glenn for organising this years Christmas cards for the village and to Pauline and Glenn for organising young and old to distribute these as far as possible around the village.

Christingle raised £265-65 and a further £25 was donated to the carol singers to add to this.

Thanks to Helen for organising the Carol Singers, she had a lot of help and support from the ladies group to ensure a good supply of singers and from members of the congregation who were able to join us. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed afterwards in the hall. The main purpose of singing was to ensure at least some of the housebound were visited. It was not intended to raise funds but we accepted what we were offered to add to the Christingle monies.

Thanks to Rhonda and her team for again decorating the church for our festivities.

Many thanks to Irene and her team for organising the Nativity on Christmas Eve and adding a Christingle service. This turned out to be a very well attended event with several new people from the village joining in.

Thanks to all who contributed to the food bank and this has now gone on its way via the Bridge. There is a new box under the sign as this is an almost continuous need if anyone has anything else to spare.

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**We continue to pray for** Mick Bolt, Jean Green, Philippa Kreuser, Alex, Mike Lawes, Karen & Dale Roberts, Kath Moody, Colin & Alison Daines, Marion Lee, Edna Weale, Jean Lees, Duncan Glover, Kate Vicos Joyce Thomas, and Margaret Emms together with their families at this time.

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May you have the Spirit of Christmas which is *Peace.*

The Gladness of Christmas which is *Hope.*

And the Heart of Christmas which is *Love.*

**And may you have a Happy and Peaceful New Year in 2017.**

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

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**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**P.C.C. Meeting in the Hall/Vicarage** at 7-40pm with HC in church at 7-00pm which is open to all.

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