

## Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.

A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.

Week Commencing 17th December 2017.

*May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians: 5 v 23*

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### Today's Service for Sunday 17th December, Third Sunday of Advent.

9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn

10.30am Sunday Stars in the hall led by Irene.

**Please note: There is no Evensong tonight**

### Services for W/C 17th December

12 noon Monday 18th, mid-day prayers.

10.00am Tuesday 19th, said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel led by Father Glenn.

4.30pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 'Carols in the Park'

10.30 am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sung Eucharist (Common Worship) Led by Father Glenn

6pm 24<sup>th</sup> Nativity & Christingle

10pm 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass led by Father Glenn

**10.00am** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Family Communion led by Father Glenn

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**'Spotlight' Notices:** Please give notices for inclusion in next week's issue to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at [richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk)

**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, Alexie & Bettina, Marion Williams, Janice & family Sarah Harwood, Rosemary Hudson, together with their families.

We pray for the soul of Ron Gurden, recently departed. We hold, Mandy and Michael, in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Similarly we pray for the soul of Mark Oddy, recently departed, and for Shirley and her two children, Nicola and James.

**Christmas Fayre:** This raised over £550 with still some money to come in. Irene would again like to thank all those who contributed in any way in helping raise this figure, especially as it is the main fundraising event of the year.

**Nightstop foodbank:** There is a box at the rear of the church in which you can place food and toiletry gifts. Some Christmassy items would be especially well received.

**Wanted:** Rhonda and her team of floral decorators will be decorating the church from 10am onwards on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and require lots of foliage. If you can help please bring foliage to the church on the day or to Rhonda a couple of days beforehand.

**A big thank you:** to **Sue Ratcliffe** for funding the ink and running off the copies of Spotlight each week. Without Sue we would not have Spotlight.

**Confirmation:** We pray for Charlotte Flower, Ross Harrison, Lilly Hill, Lauren Parkes & Toby Reading as they prepare for Confirmation in the New Year.

**Carols round the village:** On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December we shall again be singing carols around the village. We shall start in the Community Room at the junction of Retreat and Foregate Streets at **6.30pm** and then proceed around the village ending up at the church at **8pm** for mulled wine and mince pies. Please ensure that you wrap up warm and are prepared for most weathers. (Sun screen will not be required!) Can you also please bring a torch and decorative headgear if you have some. If you know someone who you think would welcome a carol being sung to them, then please get in touch with Richard Porteous.

**Stamps, stamps, stamps to Pam Emery!**

