

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.

A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.

Week Commencing 28th January 2018.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. Psalm 111 v 4-5

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Today's Service for Sunday 28th January,

4th Sunday after the Epiphany;

10.30am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.

10.30 am Sunday Stars in the hall led by Irene.

Hymns: 27 Amazing Grace

293 Lead us Heavenly Father lead us.

53 Be still for the presence of the Lord

56 Be thou my vision

Services for W/C 28th January

Monday 29th 12 noon, mid-day prayers

Tuesday 30th 10.00am, said Eucharist in the church led by Father Glenn

Sunday 4th February, 4th after the Epiphany

9.00 am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) led by Father Glenn

10.30am Family Service, led by Irene.

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www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

We pray for those who are sick:- Mick Bolt, Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Karen & Dale Roberts, Colin & Alison Daines, Marion Lee, Edna Weale, Jean Lees, Duncan Glover, Kate Vicos, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Alexei, Marion Williams, Janice & family, Sarah Harwood, Rosemary Hudson and their families.

Prayer Chain: Pauline Jones is the Prayer Chain contact. If you have someone who you wish to be prayed for, please contact Pauline on 892650 who will then contact other members of the Prayer Group.

Stamps: Please put any postage stamps in the box at the back of the church or in an envelope through Pam Emery's letterbox.

'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

Confirmation: We pray for Charlotte Flower, Ross Harrison, Lily Hill, Lauren Parkes & Toby Reading as they prepare for Confirmation soon.

Magazines for male dementia patients:

Margaret Andrews, who acts as a volunteer chaplain at the Alex Hospital, has been asked by nursing staff to put out a request for magazines suitable for men such as car, DIY, golf, racing and other sporting magazines etc. There is no need to buy new ones, old magazines – but ones with plenty of pictures- are what the staff are looking for so as to stimulate discussion with their patients, based on memory and nostalgia. The staff have plenty of material suitable for women so please **do not donate any women's magazines**. Please leave any magazines at the back of the church. Thank you.

Early notice! This year's **Lent Course** will start on Wednesday 21st February for 6 consecutive Wednesdays. In the morning the course will be held at the Bridge, Headless Cross, and in the evenings here at Astwood Bank. More information will be available nearer the time.

Do you know: that January 31st is St Aidan's day, an Irish saint who died in 626 AD? He loved animals and protected them, even stags, against his fellow Irishmen who were hunters, hence his symbol in Christian art is a stag. He came to Wales as an Irish missionary, joining in David's monastic life. The inspiration of St David caused him to return to Ireland, where he built his own monastery. There his great reputation for charity still survives, for he taught his monks to give their last food and drink to those in need.

Nightstop foodbank: Follow St Aidan's example. There is a box at the rear of the church in which you can place food and toiletry gifts.

