

**Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Transfiguration Sunday.**

*The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Psalm 50 v 1*

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**Today's Service for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany;**  
10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn 10.30am  
Hymns: 226 I cannot tell how angels worship  
106 dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
288 King of glory, King of peace  
30 And can it be  
Sunday Stars in the hall led by Irene

**Services for W/C 11<sup>th</sup> February,**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 12 noon, mid-day prayers.  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am said Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.  
**Wednesday 7.30 pm, Joint Ash Wednesday Eucharist with The Bridge at SS Matthias & George led by Father Glenn.**  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.  
10.30 am Sunday Stars in the hall led by Irene.

**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, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, and their families.

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

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day people around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work to alleviate the sufferings of the sick, as we shall this morning. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their carers.

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The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was the impetus for his designation of the day. Pope Benedict XVI also declared his decision to resign as Pope on this day in 2013. He cited his failing health as the reason behind his decision.

**Magazines for male dementia patients:**

Margaret Andrew, 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.

**FILM NIGHT AT THE BRIDGE:**

**Tomorrow, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m.,** The Bridge will be screening

**I, DANIEL BLAKE** In the **Memorial Hall, Evesham Road, Headless Cross.**

*Showing this award-winning film is a prelude to a series of discussions to be held at The Bridge and Astwood Bank Church, details below. If you cannot come to the discussions come and enjoy the film anyway.*

**Discussions during Lent**

Based on the film **I, Daniel Blake**, the weekly discussions, when clips from the film will be shown, are an opportunity to question why so many people in our society are suffering, what causes injustice and oppression - looking at examples from Jesus' time as well as today - and what we can do in response.

The course is based around five weekly group sessions entitled:

1. Systems of Oppression
2. Staying Human
3. Compassion in the Darkness
4. Fighting Back or Giving In?
5. The Suffering Servant

**Discussion dates each Wednesday**

**February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

11.00am - 12.30pm at The Bridge Hall

7.30pm - 9.00pm at Astwood Bank Church

