

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 18th February 2018.

*Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Psalm 25 v 6-7*

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Today's Service for Sunday 18th February, 1st Sunday in Lent

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

10.30 am Sunday Stars in the hall led by Irene.

6.30pm Sung Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) led by Father Glenn

Hymns: 120 Father, hear the prayer we offer.

293 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

522 To God be the glory

188 Guide me, O though great redeemer

Services for W/C 18th February,
There will be no Monday/Tuesday services
this week during the schools' half-term
holiday.

Wednesday 21st 11am - The Bridge; 6.30 pm - SS Matthias & George – Lent Discussion

Sunday 25th 10.30 am sung 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, 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.

**We pray for the souls of
Marion Lee and A. F. J.(John)
Garner, recently departed.**

Magazines for male dementia patients:

Margaret Andrew is requesting old magazines with plenty of pictures suitable for men, such as car, DIY, golf, racing and other sporting magazines etc. The staff at the Alex Hospital are looking for such magazines in order to stimulate discussion with their patients, based on their memories 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.

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

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 21st & 28th

March 7th, 14th & 21st

11.00am - 12.30pm at The Bridge Hall

7.30pm - 9.00pm at Astwood Bank Church

Did you know: that Shrove Tuesday comes from the word 'shrive' meaning absolution for sins by doing penance? The day gets its name from the tradition of Christians trying to be 'shriven' before Lent.

Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday is also celebrated across the world on the same day as our Shrove Tuesday. It originally comes from the practice of eating up all the rich, fatty foods in the house before the fasting of Lent, but has grown into a huge festival season in its own right – but must end on the day before Ash Wednesday. Our tradition of eating pancakes derives from the same idea –but not quite so much fun!

The 40 days of Lent are calculated from Ash Wednesday to Easter, and although that equals 46 days, the 6 Sundays during this period are not included since they are 'feasting' days not 'fasting' ones.

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