

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 25th February 2018.

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." Mark 8: 34-35

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Today's Service for Sunday 25th February, 2nd Sunday in Lent

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn with Sunday Stars in the hall led by Irene.

Services for W/C 25th February,

Monday 26th 12 noon, mid-day prayers.

Tuesday 27th 10.00am said Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.

Wednesday 28st 11am - The Bridge; 7.30 pm - SS Matthias & George – Lent Discussion

Sunday 4th March 9.00 am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) led by Father Glenn.

10.30 am informal Family Service 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.

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

Nightstop foodbank: There is a box at the rear of the church in which you can place food and toiletry gifts.

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, of which four remain, entitled:

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

They are standalone sessions so please feel free to dip in and out if you can't make them all.

Discussion dates each Wednesday

February 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 on this date in 1838 a London pedestrian walked 20 miles backward and then 20 miles forward in 8 hours? As to why, I have no idea! But I can say that Rev Barry and Pat Jones are walking forward around Redditch for 20 miles on 19th May on behalf of Christian Aid. They are looking for sponsorship and would be grateful for any donation, however small (or large).

Talking of charities, whilst we feel rightly let down by the recent actions of a number of charity workers, hopefully we won't lose sight of all the millions of people throughout the world who rely on charitable help and who, through no fault of their own, will continue to do so. Knee jerk reactions may lead some people to stop giving to charity, which might sooth their indignation at what's been happening – though hopefully the recent media focus will now ensure that such behaviour is likely to cease- but of course won't help those in need.

Log onto our website for more information.

www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

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