

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.

A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.

Week Commencing 4th February 2018.

'But as for that (seed) in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.' Luke 8 v 15

Fr Michael Bartlett – Team Rector.

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Today's Service for Sunday 4th February, 5th Sunday after the Epiphany;

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

10.30am Family Service, led by Irene

Services for W/C 4th February

Monday 5th 12 noon, mid-day prayers

Please note: there will be no Eucharist on

Tuesday 6th

Sunday 11th February, Sunday before Lent

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn

10.30am 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 and their families.

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

Today is World Cancer Day: We pray for all those suffering from this illness and those who are involved in research into how to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer, along with the clinicians and therapists who care for patients. We give thanks that the survival rate has doubled since 1976 and pray for this trend to continue.

PCC Meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 6th February. There will be **no** Eucharist preceding the meeting

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www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

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

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: on Monday 12th 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 AND TIMES

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

