

**Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 4th March 2018.**

*'Then God spoke all these words: ... you shall have no other gods before me.'* Exodus 20: v 1 & 3 (part)

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**Today's Service for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 3rd Sunday in Lent**

9.00 am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

led by Father Glenn

10.30am Family Service led by Irene.

**Services for W/C 4<sup>th</sup> March,**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 12 noon, mid-day prayers.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am said Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 11am - The Bridge; 7.30 pm - SS Matthias & George – Lent Discussion

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 'Mothering Sunday' 10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn with 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 soul of Marion Lee whose funeral service will take place in church at 11am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We pray also for the soul of A. F. J. (John) Garner, recently departed.**

**Magazines for male dementia patients:**

Margaret

Andrew is still asking for old magazines with plenty of pictures suitable **for men**, such as car, DIY, golf, racing and other sporting magazines etc. 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.

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

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

**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](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk)

**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 three remain, entitled:

3. Compassion in the Darkness

4. Fighting Back or Giving In?

5. The Suffering Servant

They are stand-alone sessions, please feel free to dip in and out if you can't make them all.

**Discussion dates each Wednesday**

**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

**Reflection:** *Whilst we rightly feel 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 desperately 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. **Might this be a suggestion to make should people say they will no longer give to Christian Aid, when the local street collection takes place later this year?***

**Annual General Meeting:** This year's AGM takes place at 12 noon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Could those people who will be submitting reports to Pauline Jones for use at the AGM meeting, please start gathering their thoughts? Pauline will announce soon by what date she must receive the reports.

**Spectacles:** Now that Spring has sprung (Brrrrr!) and spring cleaning is in full flow (hm!), sort out, but don't throw out any spare pairs of glasses. Why not take them to Specsavers where they will be recycled for use in developing countries.

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[www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk)

