

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 22nd April 2018

And this is his commandment: that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 1 John: 3 v 23

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**Today's Services for Sunday 22nd April,
4th Sunday of Easter**

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship), we welcome Archdeacon Nikki Groake who will lead the service.
10.30am Sunday Stars in the hall led by Irene.

Hymns:

27 Amazing grace
56 Be thou my vision
4 A new commandment I give unto you
490 The Lord's my shepherd

Services for W/C 22nd April

Monday 23rd 12 noon, mid-day prayers (St George's Day, one of our Patron Saints)
Tuesday 24th 10.30am said Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.
Sunday 30th April, 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, Edna Weale, Jean Lees, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Margaret Mills, Marion Williams, Tally, Alexei, Sarah Harwood, Rosemary Hudson, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, Bess Benjamin, Margaret Savage and their families.

Church Warden; PCC members and Deanery Synod Representative: At last week's AGM, the above posts were not filled as no one has yet agreed to seek election to them. It is hoped, however, that people will come forward in the near future to fill some or all of these posts. Support will be offered throughout the year to those who are unsure of the role or of the commitment that is needed. If interested, please see Father Glenn.

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

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk: On Saturday 19th May there will be a circular guided sponsored walk around Redditch to raise funds for Christian Aid. The walk starts at 8.00 am from St Stephen's church. Though the total distance is 20 miles, there are a variety of places where you can join if you want to do a shorter walk. Lunch is being taken at our church between 1.15 and 2.00pm so you could join there, for instance, and walk the final 7.5 miles, or join at Webheath church at 4pm and walk the final 2 miles. It is hoped that participants will join in a fish and chips supper at 5pm at St Stephen's. Approximate numbers participating are requested, so please let Richard Porteous know if you intend to take part and he will obtain a sponsor form for you. Pat and Rev Barry Jones are walking the complete route and are looking for sponsors.

The organ: After a 10 year wait, the long anticipated sound of pipe organ music was heard last Sunday when Paul Johnson played the refurbished organ at evensong. A case of all good things come to those who wait!

Organ Console Location: At an Extra-Ordinary meeting of the PCC on April 10th, it was decided that the organ console would be left in its current position in the Nave for a trial period of six months. At the end of September the console will then be placed in the 'original' position on the left in the Chancel for the next six months. After a year a final decision will be made on the permanent position, once merits and problems of both positions have been assessed. It was felt that after nearly a decade of no pipe organ, time was required to assess the effect the console would have in both locations.

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

Prayer Chain: Pauline Jones is the Prayer Chain contact. If you have someone who you wish to be prayed for, please contact Pauline on 892650 who will then contact other members of the Prayer Group.

Log onto our website for more information.

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