

**Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 29th April 2018**

*"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." John 15 v 4*

**Fr Michael Bartlett – Team Rector.**  
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**Fr Glenn Reading - Team Vicar**  
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**Today's Services for Sunday 29th April,  
5th Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship),  
led by Father Glenn.  
10.30am Sunday Stars in the hall led by  
Irene.

**Services for W/C 29th April**

Monday 30th 12 noon, mid-day prayers  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10.00am said Eucharist  
(Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.  
Sunday 6th 9.00 am said Eucharist (Book of  
Common Prayer) led by Father Glenn  
10.30 am Family Service 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, Margaret Savage, Ann Heath and their  
families.

We pray for the souls of Simon  
Walsh and Bess Benjamin recently  
departed, and also remember their  
families in our prayers.

**Church Warden; PCC members and Deanery  
Synod Representative:** The above posts have  
yet to be filled, though it is hoped that people  
will come forward in the near future to fill some  
or all of them. Support will be offered  
throughout the year to those who are unsure of  
the role or commitment that is needed. If  
interested, please see Father Glenn.

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

Log onto our website for more information.

[www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://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](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk)

**Christian Aid Sponsored Walk:** On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
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. Please let Richard  
Porteous know if you intend to take part and would  
like a sponsor form. Pat and Rev Barry Jones are  
walking the complete route and are looking for  
sponsors.

**Organ Console Location:** The PCC has decided  
that the organ console will be left in its current  
position in the Nave for a six months' trial. 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.

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

**Envelopes:** Father Glenn has 1000 size A6  
(4.75 x 6.5 inches) envelopes that need good homes.  
Please see him to collect as many as you wish.



#PLEDGE2PRAY

**'Thy Kingdom Come'** global  
initiative takes place between  
Ascension and Pentecost (May  
10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>). It is a global prayer  
movement which invites  
Christians around the world to  
pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.  
What started out as an invitation from the  
Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the  
Church of England has grown into an international  
and ecumenical call to prayer. The Bridge, ourselves  
and Crabbs Cross Methodist church will be doing  
something each day to mark this event as will the  
other churches of Churches Together in Redditch.  
More information will be available soon but in the  
meantime why not go to the official website at  
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

**Fish 'n Chip Quiz** at the Memorial Hall,  
The Bridge, Headless Cross, 6.30 for 7.00pm  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Bring your own  
drinks and glasses. Tickets £8.00 each from Pat  
Newey 01527 545244

