

**Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15 v: 12 - 13*

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**Today's Services for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

10.30 am informal Family Service led by Irene.

**Services for W/C 6th May**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> **No mid-day prayers**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am said Eucharist (Common Worship) led by Father Glenn.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am sung 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, 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. The funeral service for Bess will take place in church at 12.15pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May followed by her cremation at Redditch Crematorium.

**Church Warden and PCC members:** The above posts have still 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.

**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.

[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.

**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.

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



#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/>

**St Peter's Church is holding a Race Night at Rocklands Social Club, Headless Cross on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets for this fun night, which includes a 2 course meal, are £10pp or £30 per family. Numbers and food preferences are needed in advance so please contact Di Mowatt on [mowattdiane@hotmail.com](mailto:mowattdiane@hotmail.com) or contact Richard Porteous.**

**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.

