

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 15thth July 2018

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. Psalm 85 v 12 - 13

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Today's Services for Sunday 15th July, 7th Sunday after Trinity.

9.00am said Eucharist (Common Worship)

10.30am Sunday Stars in the hall

6.30pm sung Evensong (BCP)

Evensong Hymns:

40 As we are gathered

120 Father hear the prayer we offer

346 My song is love unknown

188 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Services for W/C 15th July

Monday 16th 12 noon, mid-day prayers

Tuesday 17th 10.00am said Eucharist.

Sunday 22nd 10.30am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) with Sunday Stars in the hall

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.

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

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

Collectors Corner: Margaret Andrew continues to collect old magazines with lots of pictures, for **male** dementia patients. Please leave them at the back of the church.

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 Log onto our website for more information. www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

Early notice: Please note that there will be a PCC meeting on **Tuesday 24th July** at 7.30pm in the vicarage following a said Eucharist service at 7.00 pm in church.

Forthcoming Events: Please look at the forthcoming events listed below and make a note of them in your diary. Perhaps you can let relatives, friends and neighbours know about them so that they can also come along to some, most or all of them.

Saturday 22nd September, Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper in the hall.

Saturday/Sunday 13th/14th October, Art and Craft Weekend in church and the hall.

Saturday 24th November, Christmas Fayre in church and the hall.

Saturday 8th December, Alcester Male Voice Choir concert in church.

Further details regarding times, tickets and prices will be appearing soon.

Where lies the head of John the Baptist?

According to ancient tradition, the burial place of John the Baptist was at Sebaste, near modern-day Nablus in the West Bank. What became of the head of John the Baptist is difficult to determine. Some say that Herodias had it buried in the fortress of Machaerus. Other writers say that it was interred in Herod's palace at Jerusalem; there, it was found during the reign of Constantine and thence secretly taken to Emesa, in Phoenicia, where it was concealed, the place remaining unknown for years, until it was manifested by revelation in 453.

Over the centuries, there have been many discrepancies in the various legends and several different locations claim to possess the severed head of John the Baptist.

Roman Catholic tradition holds that the head on display in San Silvestro in Capite in Rome is that of John the Baptist, discovered for the second time; as also maintained by Pope Benedict XVI in August 2012.

Islamic tradition maintains that the head of Saint John the Baptist was interred in the once-called Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in Damascus. Pope John Paul II visited the tomb of John the Baptist at the Umayyad Mosque during his visit to Syria in April, 2001.

