

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

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Ephesians 2 v 19-20

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Today's Services for Sunday 22nd July, 8th Sunday after Trinity.

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

Hymns:

103 Crown Him with many crowns
293 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
313 Lord of all hopefulness
372 O Jesus, I have promised

Services for W/C 22nd July

Monday 23rd 12 noon, mid-day prayers
Tuesday 24th **10.30** am said Eucharist (**please note later start**)

Sunday 29th 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, Liz 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.
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PCC meeting: There will be a meeting this **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. Please invite friends and relatives to them. Further details regarding times, tickets and prices will be appearing soon.

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.

Churches Together in Redditch (CTiR): July sees the start of a CTiR initiative for all Redditch churches to pray for one of its churches in turn each month. In July we pray for **The Assemblies of God** which has its church in Elm Road, Redditch. We pray that their quest to increase the outreach and evangelism work within the community will be successful as will their hope that God will provide workers to support their work. We pray that their intentions to refurbish and improve their church buildings will come to fruition.

'Mary Magdalene: patron saint of sinners? Often saints seem to be people whose reputation rises after their death. Mary Magdalene is unusual because her reputation became tarnished after her death. Nothing in the Gospels, unlike her popular reputation, suggests that she was the woman taken in adultery. Yet it is clear she was the 'Apostle to the Apostles'. Standing by the cross when the men had fled, it was she who was the first to discover the empty tomb. Perhaps she was passionate, though to Christians this word generally means suffering. Yet her impulsive action at the moment she recognises the risen Jesus, reminds us that the adoration of which we glibly speak, may mean, quite literally, that one day we too may fall into the everlasting arms of our Saviour.' This abridged article, written by Margaret Marshall, appeared in the Sunday Link on July 20th 2003. Mary Magdalene's festival is today July 22nd.

