

**Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 19th August 2018**

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6 v 51 - 52*

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**Today's Service for Sunday 19th August, 12th Sunday after Trinity.**

9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship). We welcome Revd. Barry Jones who will lead us.

**There will be no Evensong this evening.**

**Services for W/C 19th August**

***There will be no weekday services during the school holiday period.***

Sunday 26th 10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) with Father Glenn, who will be back after his holiday.

**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, Janie and Stewart Kirby, Frank Deakin, Nesta Pearman and their families.

We pray for the soul of Kate Vicos recently departed. We pray also for her husband Dominic, their two children and Kate's parents.

**Ann Heath** wishes to say that she is feeling better having had her penultimate round of chemo on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Ann is very grateful for everyone's prayers, kind thoughts and good wishes.

**Churches together in Redditch (CTiR):**

We remember St Andrews church, situated in Matchborough in our prayers. We pray for their summer holidays project providing a hot lunch once a week for those normally in receipt of free school meals; and that the church can find ways to build on its work with young people. We pray that those of its small congregation who are currently unwell recover soon – and that its current spate of vandalism stops!

**Congratulations!!** Neil and Meg Spalding would like to thank all those who supported the 'Tea and Cake' fundraising event for SSAFA on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, and are pleased to announce that just over £1100 was raised. This sum is the largest raised in the 9 year history of the event!

**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)  
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Father Glenn has written that SS. Matthias and George, Astwood Bank will be launching a new worship service on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. The aim is to hold such a service once a month. It will be called '**Messy Church**', and he has asked us to have a look at the link below and get a feel for what the service is about at

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk>

There are a number of different roles needed to help make it a success, including helping in the kitchen to prepare a simply meal of jacket potatoes and fillings, through to helping with a craft activity. Ideally 5 volunteers are needed on the day to help. If you can help then please let Father Glenn know as this will help with planning. He also asks us to hold this initiative in our prayers as we venture forward into a new field for us?

He intends outlining a more detailed plan of the service once he returns from holiday, but adds that there will be nothing too onerous for anyone and that he will be there to lead it.

There are two books in circulation at the moment on this type of church, very short and very easy to read. See Irene and Ann R for access to copies.

**Cleaning the church:** There will be a Summer Clean of the church starting this week. Any time that you can offer to do some cleaning (why not bring a friend?) will be gratefully received. Please bring your own cleaning materials. A list of jobs needing doing will be found on the inside of the vestry door. Things needing to be tackled will include cleaning of brass objects, window sills, hoovering (there is a church vacuum cleaner available). Areas to be cleaned include the Sanctuary, Lady Chapel, Vestry as well as the Nave.

Obviously there is a lot to do so the more people who can help will mean that more of the tasks can be successfully undertaken. If you are able to help then keys to gain entry for the church can be collected from Irene 894179 or Pam Emery 892588 but please ring beforehand to ensure availability.

