

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week Commencing 26th August 2018

Peter answered him “.....You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6 v 68 -69.

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Today’s Service for Sunday 26th August, 13th Sunday after Trinity.

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship). We welcome back from holiday Father Glenn.

Hymns: 522 To God be the glory
26 Alleluia sing to Jesus
33 Angel voices ever singing
56 Be thou my vision

Services for W/C 26th August

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

Sunday 2nd September 9.00 am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30 am Informal 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, Liz, Janie and Stewart Kirby, Frank Deakin, Nesta Pearman and their families.

We pray for the soul of Clary Partridge recently departed. We hold in our prayers Mary his wife, and their two daughters Becky and Claire.

Best wishes to Ann Heath who embarks on her last round of chemo this coming Wednesday, August 29th. Ann is very grateful for everyone’s prayers, kind thoughts and good wishes – but asks “Please don’t stop just yet!”

Cleaning the church: The **Summer Clean** of the church will be continuing this coming 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.

Congratulations!! Neil and Meg Spalding would like to thank all those who supported the ‘Tea and Cake’ fundraising event for SSAFA on Tuesday 14th 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!



Hopefully you will have noticed the banner outside of church advertising the new ‘Messy Church’ initiative starting at 4pm on Saturday September 8th. The aim is to hold such a service once a month and Father Glenn 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 simple 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 says 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.

Churches together in Redditch (CTiR):

For this last week in August, we remember St Andrews church, situated in Matchborough in our prayers. We pray that their summer holidays project, providing a hot lunch once a week for those normally in receipt of free school meals, has been a success; 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!

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