Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church. A member of "Christ the King" team ministry. Week Commencing 9th September 2018

What good is it if you say you have faith but do not have works (good deeds)? Can faith save you?....So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. James 2 14- 17 abridged

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Today's Service for Sunday 9th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity.

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) with Sunday Stars in the hall **Hymns:** 137 For the beauty of the earth 484 The King of love my shepherd is 268 Jesus Christ is waiting 143 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

Services for W/C 9th September

Monday 10th 12 noon Mid-day prayers Tuesday 11th 10.00 am said Eucharist Sunday 16th 9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship) 10.30am Sunday Stars in the hall.

6.30 pm sung Evensong (BCP)

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, 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.

We pray also for the soul of Frank Deakin and hold his family in our prayers.

Home Visits: Anyone who wishes to have a home visit or receive home communion should contact Irene Hamilton on 894179

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

CTiR initiatives: Please have a look at the posters at the rear of the church promoting:-Men's Breakfast at the Kings Court Hotel, Saturday 22nd September, 7.45 for 8.00am £8. 'Beauty in Brokenness' – a day for women to explore, share and celebrate differing Christian traditions, Saturday 15th September 10.30am-4pm, Bromsgrove Methodist church.

Joint Ministries Celebration: 6.00pm 23rd September at St Peter's Ipsley (Including an opportunity to share thoughts on their Messy Church project)

'Messy Church' held its first meeting yesterday and the next session is at 4pm Saturday 6th October. Please see Father Glenn if you can help in any way. Please continue to hold this new approach to worship in your prayers. As previously mentioned it is initiatives like this which will ensure whether our church survives in Astwood Bank for a new generation, or not.

Churches together in Redditch (CTiR): This month St Peter's, Ipsley is the church that all congregations in Redditch are praying for. We thank God for their thriving monthly lunch club and twice monthly coffee mornings which offer fellowship, sharing and mutual support. They ask God that their 4 year old ministry in 4 First Schools and the Prayer Room at Ipsley Middle School, manned by their volunteers will continue and grow. They also pray that their involvement in the flourishing parish Messy Church project in Woodrow will continue to grow. The church asks for our prayers as it plans a further Open the Book (OtB) project in Ipsley Middle School, and that volunteer numbers can be sustained in all their OtB projects.

Finally they ask for our prayers as St Peter's embarks on its first Healing Ministry service this month and that word will reach those who have need of healing.



Cleaning the church:

The Summer Clean continues this coming week and a list of jobs needing doing will be found on the inside of the vestry or rear door. 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. Please bring your own cleaning materials.

Reminders: Tickets for the Fish 'n Chip Supper Quiz on Saturday 22nd September, 7.30pm can be bought for £7 from Irene.

Spotlight' Notices: Please give notices for inclusion in next week's issue to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at <u>richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk</u> Log onto our website for more information. <u>www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk</u>