

Welcome to St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week Commencing Sunday 25th November 2018, Feast Day of ‘Christ the King’

To Him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever .Amen. Rev. 1 v 5-6

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Today’s Service for Sunday 25th November, 1st Sunday before Advent, Feast Day of Christ The King.
10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) with Sunday Stars Nativity rehearsals in the hall – children and helpers welcome

Hymns:

53 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
56 Be thou my vision
317 Lord the Light of your Love
235 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

6.30pm Confirmation service, Worcester Cathedral. Please pray for Toby, Lily, Lauren, Ross, Charlotte who will be confirmed this evening! All are welcome to attend and support our candidates.

Services for W/C 25th November

Monday 26th 12 noon Mid-day prayers
Tuesday 27th 10.00 am said Eucharist
Sunday 2nd December 9.00 am said Eucharist (BCP)
10.30 am Nativity rehearsal, children and helpers welcome.

3.00pm Toy Service and First Parish Communion for those recently confirmed, to be followed by a tea party afterwards.

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, Kerry, and all their families

Concert with the Alcester Male Voice Choir
7pm for 7.30pm, Saturday 8th December – Tickets from Ann R and Irene, £10, £8.50 concessions, £5 children

The Remembrance Day Service collection realised £300 which has been passed to the Astwood Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Spotlight Notices: Please give notices for inclusion in Spotlight 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

Irene would like to thank all those who helped in any way or attended yesterday’s **Christmas Fayre**. The amount raised will be posted in next Sunday’s ‘Spotlight.’

First Parish Communion and Toy Service: At 3pm next Sunday, 2nd December we shall be holding a First Communion Service for those who are being confirmed this evening in Worcester Cathedral (all welcome). The **First Parish Communion/Toy Service** will be followed by a ‘bring and share’ party. It is hoped that as many members of the congregation as possible will attend to welcome the new members into our ‘confirmed’ congregation. If you are attending and are prepared to bring some food along, can you please write what you will be bringing on the list at the rear of the church?

As in previous years it is hoped that lots of **Toys** will be donated for local prisoners’ families, the families being those who serve a ‘second sentence’ - see below. **Toys** for babies up to teenagers should not be wrapped but placed in a Christmas or plain bag; they’ll be wrapped later. Please bring any **Toys** to next Sunday’s morning service or the afternoon service and contact Irene on 894179 for any further information.

Churches together in Redditch (CTiR): We have been asked to pray this month for **New Frontiers Church Plant (part of Hope Church, Worcester)** who meet in house groups and monthly in Batchley Community Centre.

We have also been asked to pray for **Rev. Margie Schutte** and for her work as **Chaplain at HMP Hewell**. She asks us to pray: for the prisoners and all staff at HMP Hewell and for their safety; for resilience in the face of challenges; for all IPP prisoners (*please google for an explanation*); for all who mourn; for the families of those imprisoned who serve a ‘second sentence’; for those who have recently joined the HMP Hewell staff; - and for those who have a faith and those who have none, that they may receive the gift of God’s grace and know the joy of repentance and forgiveness.

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

