

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 24th March 2019, Lent 3

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure. 1 Corinthians 10: v 13

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Today's Services for Sunday, 24th March –
10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
Hymns: 26 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
235 I the Lord of sea and sky
76 Christ is made the sure foundation
384 O love that wilt not let me go

A children's corner is at the back of the church.

Services for W/C 24th March

Monday 25th 12 noon Mid-day prayers
Tuesday 26th 10.00 am said Eucharist
Sunday 31st Mothering Sunday, 10.30 am sung
Eucharist with Rev Barry Jones. Sunday stars will
meet in the hall.

We pray for those who are sick:- Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Jean Lees, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Margaret Mills, Marion Williams, Tally, Alexei, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, Margaret Savage, Ann Heath, Janie and Stewart Kirby, Nesta Pearman, Hazel Richards, Heather, Ben Crawford, Pam and Talisein

AGM reports: This year's AGM is on Sunday 28th April and Glenn would like all reports for the AGM to be with him by April 1st.

Financial accounts: Ann Robinson writes that a copy of the approved 2018 accounts is posted on the notice board. There are 4 copies in the folder at the back of church which may be read then returned asap for others to read, BUT please do not mark them as they are the official copies which she needs. Please address any questions to Ann before the AGM.

Electoral Roll: This year a new Electoral Roll needs compiling prior to the AGM. Anyone wishing to be on the Roll must fill in a fresh application form. Please collect a form from either **Tony Strong** or from the plastic envelope pinned up at the rear of the church. When completed place in the box provided, or hand to Tony by April 12th.

Congratulations: to **Ann and John Robinson** on becoming grandparents again. Twins Mollie and Lottie were born March 14th. Mum Kirsty and dad Alex are doing well. Congratulations also to **Phil and Marie Garner** who recently welcomed a second grandchild, Alfred, into the world. Their daughter Michelle along with husband Ed are also doing well.

Lent Course: 'The Greatest Showman' is the theme for this year's Lent Course which started on Ash Wednesday. There are a further 3 sessions to be held on each Wednesday at 11 am at the Bridge and at 7.30pm here at Astwood Bank with the forthcoming session entitled 'Rewrite the stars'.

Pam Emery: You may well have heard that Pam managed to dislocate her hip recently and was in hospital when the following article appeared in last Sunday's edition of Spotlight. She is on the mend and since Pam wasn't around last week the article has been included again this week.

WELL WOULD YOU ADAM AND EVE IT!! ON THIS VERY DAY 73 YEARS AGO PAM EMERY AND JOHN YEOMANS WERE CONFIRMED IN THIS CHURCH BY BISHOP WILLIAM CASH, BISHOP OF WORCESTER. BUT EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE IS THE FACT THAT ALSO ON THAT DAY PAM WAS ENROLLED INTO THE FULL CHURCH CHOIR HAVING COMPLETED HER PROBATIONARY PERIOD. WELL DONE 'THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT'.

Churches together in Redditch (CTiR): We continue to remember in our prayers St Laurence Church, Beoley. They give thanks for their recent Snowdrop Weekend; development of their music group and continued strong engagement through weddings, baptisms and other events. Their vision day in February provided a positive time of reflection and mutual encouragement. They are excited about the forthcoming arrival of a Mission Enabler and a Curate as members of staff: Sadly they have suffered 13 deaths in their church family since last July which has severely impacted on both individuals and the church community.

Thanks! We send a big thank you to the Astwood Bank scouts who had a sleepover in church on Friday 15th March and did a magnificent job of cleaning the church. Well done and thank you so much!

Good Friday Workshop: Irene is looking for volunteers to help run this annual event which will be taking place between 10am -1pm and includes a bring-and-share lunch. If you can help in any way please see Irene or ring her on 894179

Mothering Sunday posies: Pauline is looking for anyone who can help with making the posies for the Mothering Sunday service. Please meet at her house, 1362 Evesham Road between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 30th March. All materials, plus tea and biscuits will be provided.

Spotlight Notices: Please give notices for inclusion in Spotlight to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk
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