

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 31st March 2019, Mothering Sunday**

*So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5 v 21*

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 31st March –**  
10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) we welcome Revd. Barry Jones to lead our worship.  
Hymns: 467 Tell out my soul  
137 For the beauty of the earth  
321 Love divine  
90 Come down O Love Divine  
228 I danced in the morning

*Please stay and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea in the hall after the church service. A children's corner is at the rear of the church*

**Services for W/C 31st March**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 12 noon Mid-day prayers  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 am said Eucharist  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Passion Sunday 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:- 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, John and Talisein

**AGM reports:** This year's AGM is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Glenn would like all reports for the AGM to be with him by **tomorrow** please.

**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.

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

**Lent Course: 'The Greatest Showman'** is the theme for this year's Lent Course. There are a further 2 stand-alone sessions to be held on Wednesdays, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am at the Bridge and at 7.30pm here at Astwood Bank.

**Thanks!** A big thank you to the Astwood Bank scouts who had a sleepover in church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and did a magnificent job cleaning the church. Well done and thank you so much!

**Good Friday Workshop, 19<sup>th</sup> April: 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.

**Thank you: Pauline** would like to thank those who helped make up the posies for today's service.

**Lent** is more than just giving up things: there are three Lenten disciplines that we as Christians need to consider, of which **fasting** or 'giving up things' is only the second of the three. The first is **prayer** and the third is **almsgiving**. Peter Atkinson, Dean of Worcester, in his Lent message describes almsgiving thus, 'the word alms means 'mercy', so almsgiving is what we more usually call charitable giving; sharing our good things with those who need them.' With this in mind please remember that there is a box at the rear of the church in which you can place food and toiletry gifts for the **Nightstop Foodbank** where, for many of its members, 'giving up things' is a way of life not just a 6 week period of penance, (or for some a means of losing weight).

**Easter Flowers:** Rhonda and her team of floral decorators will likely be decorating the church from 10am onwards on Easter Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, and require lots of foliage. If you can help, please bring foliage to the church on the day or to Rhonda beforehand at 1229 Evesham Road. Any donations towards the cost of the flowers (in memory of a loved one?) will be gratefully received. Please see Rhonda or phone her on 893560.



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