

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 21st April 2019 Easter Sunday

Peter said, 'All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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Today's Services for Sunday, 21st April
Easter Sunday

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) we welcome Rev Clive Leach, Principal, Walkwood Middle School; with Sunday Stars Easter Egg Hunt in the hall led by Irene

Hymns: 24 Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

219 How lovely on the mountains

267 Jesus Christ is risen today

508 This is the day

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

Services for W/C 21st April

There will be **no** Monday midday prayers or Tuesday 10 am Eucharist this week as Father Glenn is on leave.

Sunday 28th 10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) followed by the AGM in the hall

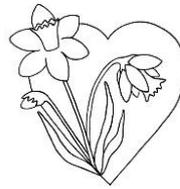
We pray for those who are sick:- Philippa Kreuser, Rosie, Alex, Jean Lees, Joyce Thomas, Margaret Emms, Margaret Mills, Marion Williams, Tally, Alexei, Rev Ivor and Dora Merry, Margaret Savage, Ann Heath, Stewart Kirby, Nesta Pearman, Hazel Richards, Heather, Ben Crawford, John, Carol Tolley, Talisein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

We pray for the soul of Janie Kirby recently departed and hold her husband Stewart and their two children in our prayers.

Our AGM is at 12 noon next Sunday, 28th April.
It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend this once a year event to review the past year and to listen to and discuss future plans.

Nightstop Foodbank: There is a box at the rear of the church in which food and toiletry gifts can be placed.

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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Church Flowers: Thanks go to Rhonda and her floral team for their beautiful decoration of the church and to all those who contributed foliage and donations towards this.

Good Friday Workshop: Thanks also go to Irene and all those who helped with or took part in the **GFW**. It was a great success again with everyone enjoying the varied activities and shared lunch.

Easter Homily: 'All the resurrection accounts are different and we cannot reconcile them. In the account from Mark 16 we read that three women came to the tomb. In the account from John 20, firstly Mary Magdalene and then Peter and John go to the tomb.

One of the things, however, all the resurrection accounts have in common is that the stone was rolled back from the entrance to the tomb. Have you allowed a stone to prevent you from meeting the risen Jesus? Have you allowed the stone of becoming engrossed in what you have and own and what others have and own to block your way to Jesus? You were adopted as God's son or daughter on the day you were baptised. If you are not living like a son or daughter of God roll away the stone. If you are not happy, that is a sure sign that the stone needs to be rolled away in your life. If you knew the risen Jesus you would have a joy in your heart that nothing else could give you.

Think of the total change that occurred in Paul's life after he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. You must roll away the stone for that! God has adopted you as his son or daughter. Thank God for this most wonderful privilege. If you had met the risen Jesus you would certainly know it. If you haven't yet met the risen Jesus, roll away the stone and meet Him.'

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