

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Passion Sunday**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering the sheaves. Psalm 126 v 6.*

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Passion Sunday**

9.00 am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30 am Informal Family Service led by Irene.

**Services for W/C 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am said Eucharist

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

**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 together with their families and friends.

**AGM reports:** This year's AGM is on Sunday **28<sup>th</sup> April**. Please hand in any outstanding reports to Glenn as soon as possible.

**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.**

**Lent Course:** 'The Greatest Showman' is the theme for this year's Lent Course. The final stand-alone session will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am at the Bridge and at 7.30pm here at Astwood Bank.

**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)  
Log onto our website for more information  
[www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk)

**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.

**Good Friday Workshop 19<sup>th</sup> April:** The annual Good Friday Workshop will be taking place again this year between 10am and 1pm for children (helpers will be needed earlier). There will be many different activities and crafts to try out and all those attending should bring a plate of food to share with others at a 'bring – and – share' lunch. Volunteers are needed, please, for organising the different crafts/activities and for general help on the day. If you can help in any way please see Irene or ring her on 894179.

**Early warning! Astwood Bank in Bloom** is organising a **flower festival** in church on the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, with setting up taking place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to be in attendance during the days and to provide refreshments. If you can offer an hour or two over the weekend then please see Irene. More information will follow nearer the event.

**Japanese proverb** provided by **Margaret Andrew:** One kind word can warm three winter months.

