

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

***The Lord is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

*'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'* John 14 v 28

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**Today's Services for Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

Hymns:

242 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

335 Meekness and Majesty

422 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

432 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

**Services for W/C 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am said Eucharist

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 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, 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

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

**Congratulations!** Graham Usher, Bishop of Dudley, is to be the next Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Graham will leave our diocese at the end of July and will be formally enthroned as the Bishop of Norwich in Norwich Cathedral in the late Autumn.

**Ordination of Victoria Barlow:** Please let Glenn know if you would like or intend to be present at Victoria's ordination on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, so that transport can be arranged.

**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)  
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***Not long to go! Astwood Bank in Bloom (ABIB):*** ABIB 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>.

*Currently more volunteers are still needed to welcome visitors and to be in attendance during those days, and to provide refreshments. If you are able to offer an hour or two over the weekend, or can provide some cakes then please see Irene. We shall also be running a cake stall so lots of cakes are needed.*

*This is an exciting project and a wonderful opportunity to welcome local visitors into our church, and also an opportunity to raise some funds.*

**'Tidy up day', Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am – 4pm, for people to come and go as the time suits them.**

In order to have the church and grounds looking as tidy as possible, not only as a general policy but also that visitors to our church for the Flower Festival can appreciate it better, it is proposed to have a general tidy up. Jobs that need doing include, weeding, sweeping paths, clearing pathway edges and many more. Please bring your own tools.

**Churches together in Redditch (CTiR):**

The May call to prayer is for our own church here in Astwood Bank. We are thankful for the start of Messy Church and that it goes from strength to strength. We are also thankful for the opportunity to welcome Victoria Barlow our new curate in June. Over the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> we are excited at the prospect of hosting a flower festival in church and the opportunity to meet new people from our community. Our major worry is the declining numbers attending our church. How we reach and engage with new people in our community is our major concern and we pray for God's help in our endeavours to accomplish this.

**International Children's Day, Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>.** We pray for children everywhere, especially those living in poverty, with disabilities, who have been or are being abused. Amen