

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 13th October 2019 (Trinity17) Harvest Thanksgiving

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2 v 15

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**Today's Services for Sunday,
13th October 'Harvest Thanksgiving'**

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
Hymns: 534 We plough the fields and scatter
101 Come, ye thankful people, come
355 Now the green blade riseth
9 All creatures of our God and King
10.30 am Sunday Stars in the hall

There will be a 'bring and share' lunch in the hall after today's service, followed by an auction of perishable goods, the proceeds of which will go to charity. The non-perishable goods will go to Nightstop. Please do come along and join in.

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

Services for W/C 13th October

Monday 14th 12 noon Mid-day prayers
Tuesday 15th 10.00 am said Eucharist
Sunday 20th 9.00 am said Eucharist
(Common Worship)

Arts and Craft Weekend
6.30 pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

We pray for those who are sick :- Philippa, Rosie, Alex, Jean, Joyce, Margaret, Marion, Alexei, Ivor and Dora, Margaret, Ann, Stewart, Margaret, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Ben, Carol, Talisein, Carla Harris and their families.

Prayer Chain: If you have someone you wish to be prayed for, please contact Pauline Jones on 892650 who will then contact other members of the Prayer Group.

Home Visits: Anyone who wishes to have a home visit or receive home communion should contact Irene Hamilton on 894179

Many thanks to Tony Strong for writing and printing Spotlight in my absence last week. RP

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Churches Together in Redditch (CTiR):

This month we are praying for Christ Church, Matchborough in the Ipsley Parish. The members rejoice that people of all ages are worshipping at Christ Church, and give thanks for the opportunities presented by Open Door and the relationships they have with the surrounding community. They give thanks for the children and young people who are attending and all those who give generously in ministering to them. Our prayers are asked for the members of the church and local community who are sick, lonely or suffering.

Christ Church is hosting Christian Prayer Ministries from October 19th -26th and ask for our prayers that people will come and join them and also for those coming to lead the week's activities.

Ipsley Parish also asks for our prayers for its well established Messy Church which meets in three venues. They pray that God will deepen their understanding of, and response to, the Gospel for all involved in Messy Church

Dates for the diary!

Next Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October, Arts and Craft Weekend here in the church and hall. Saturday 1.30 pm -5 pm try out a variety of crafts and on Sunday between 2 -5pm visit the exhibition of local crafts. Pick up a leaflet at the back of the church for more details.

Saturday 9th November, 4pm – Messy Church, volunteers always wanted.

Saturday 30th November- Christmas Fayre- More details to follow but see Irene if you can help in any way.

Did you know: that the modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. (Wikipedia)

