

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 (Kingdom 1)**

*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.*

**Fr Glenn Reading - Team Vicar**  
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**Today's Services for Sunday,  
3<sup>rd</sup> November (Kingdom 1)**

9.00 am said Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)  
10.30 Informal Family Service led by Irene  
4.00 pm All Souls Service at the Bridge Church

**Services for W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Mid-day prayers  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am said Eucharist  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 4.00 pm 'Messy Church'  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November sung Eucharist  
(Common Worship) with Sunday Stars in the hall

**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 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.

**Today!! The All Souls Service** at 4.00 pm will be held at The Bridge Church. During the service the names of those who have died will be read out. A list for adding names to be remembered is at the back of church. If you would like to remember someone in this way please come along for this special service.

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

**Paul Johnson** writes that he and Carmen his wife, 'would like to thank members of Church for their kind harvest gift following his recent spell in hospital. Also for the cards and goodwill messages so thoughtfully sent.' Feel better soon Paul.

**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)

**Dates for the diary!**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, 4pm – **Messy Church**, volunteers always wanted, please see Glenn.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** 11am-3pm **Christmas Fayre-** with the **Christmas Tree Festival** theme being **Angels**. More details to follow but see Irene if you can help in any way.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.30 am Toy Service.**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 6.30 – 8pm, **Carols Around the Village**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** 6pm **Christingle and Nativity.**

**Pauline and Irene** would like to thank all those who helped at or attended the recent **Art 'n Craft weekend** especially, as Pauline says, 'our church made new local friends'. **Lily Hill** made £57 selling her cakes which will go towards her Guide's trip to Canada next year and the refreshments made a similar amount for church funds. Well done all!

**Church and grounds Autumn Clean 'n Tidy,**

After church today we will be undertaking cleaning and tidying tasks in church and putting the grounds 'to bed' for the winter. The aim is to spruce up the church in readiness for the Remembrance Sunday service when a large congregation can be expected. If you are unable to help today but can offer an hour during the week please contact Irene on 894179 or Pam on 892588 to gain access to the church. Please bring your own cleaning materials or tools. **Any help will be greatly welcome.**

**CTiR:** During November we will be praying for Emmanuel Church (United Reformed and Methodist) who are **thankful for** their position above the Kingfisher Centre and for the opportunities it affords for worship and mission; for Revd Ian Ring, Interim Minister pending the search for a longer term Minister; for others in leadership roles. **They pray** for the many groups and individuals who regularly or occasionally use the Ecumenical Centre premises throughout the week. For the future they pray for the successful appointment of a new lead minister and for opportunities provided by the Town Centre Christmas Light Switch-on. The members **will be looking** to develop fresh styles of worship and to encourage new people to take a lead, including leading worship, musicians, working with children and young people.

