

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.
Week Commencing 22nd December 2019 and 'Christmastide'

And the word became flesh and lived amongst us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1 v 14

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**Services for today Sunday, 22nd December ,
Advent 4;**

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

10.30 am Sunday Stars Nativity rehearsal

Hymns: 358 O come, O come, Emmanuel

467 Tell out, my soul

471 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

98 Come, thou long expected Jesus

6.00 pm Carol Service at the Bridge, Headless Cross

**Services for W/C 22nd December
Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve, 10 am Eucharist.
6pm Christingle and Nativity**

11.30 Midnight Mass

Hymns: 403 Once in Royal David's City

358 O come, O Come, Emmanuel

377 O Little town of Bethlehem

554 While Shepherds Watched

199 Hark, the herald-angels sing

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

10.30 am Family Celebration Eucharist

Hymns: 403 Once in Royal David's City

377 O Little town of Bethlehem

51 Away in a manger

199 Hark, the herald-angels sing

Sunday 29th 10.30 am sung Eucharist

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

We pray for the soul of Reverend Ivor Merry recently departed and hold his wife Dora and his family in our prayers.

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

Thank you to Sue and Peter Ratcliffe for all their hard work, time and expense in printing Spotlight and taking it to Pam Emery each week.

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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Diary dates: -

- Today!! Sunday 22nd Carol Service at 6.00 pm at the **Bridge**, Headless Cross. All are welcome

-Tuesday 24th 6pm Christingle and Nativity;
11.30 pm - **Midnight Mass** both here in church

Thanks for Foliage: Rhonda would like to thank those who have contributed foliage for the decoration of the church which will take place on Monday morning, 23rd.

Radiate Redditch will be open 24th December to 1st January inclusive (closed 28th December) at the Ecumenical Centre, Evesham Walk. The **Daytime Drop-in** will offer hot drinks and snacks during the day, a hot meal at lunchtime, and most importantly a warm, friendly atmosphere from 11.00am to 4.00pm. This year, whilst no overnight accommodation will be provided, a Severe Weather Emergency Provision will be available at Redditch Baptist Church on nights when the temperature is predicted to fall below freezing. Please contact the charity Streetlink: 0300 500 0914 or via www.streetlink.org.uk if you meet anyone in need of a place to sleep.

Please pray that: enough volunteers will come forward to help; those guests who need company, support and friendship during the Christmas season will find their way to The Hub; good relationships will be built and that all who come to the Hub will encounter the love of God in action; for all rough sleepers on the streets of our town that they will engage with those offering help and support.

Christingles!! Are you able to lend a hand and give an hour **today, between 2-4 pm**, helping make the **Christingles** for the Christmas Eve service? If you can then please come to the hall where you'll be most welcome.

'Open conversations' The Diocese is planning a series of meetings around the diocese to look at how ministry is going to be funded in the future in light of current budget problems. The Diocese is already planning to cut 15 stipendiary posts! Please take a leaflet from the back of the church and attend one of the meetings if you can.

A Celtic Blessing: Good health, every day, whether I see you or not! May your cup overflow with health and happiness. May all your days be happy ones. **Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!**

