

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week Commencing 12th January 2020, Baptism of Christ

“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased” Matthew 3 v 17

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Today's Services for Sunday 12th January The Baptism of Christ

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship) with Sunday Stars in the hall.

Hymns: 10 All for Jesus

83 Christ's is the world

372 O Jesus, I have promised

71 Brightest and Best

Please stay and enjoy a cup of coffee/tea in the hall after the church service. A children's corner is at the back of the church.

Services for W/C 12th January

Monday 13th 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 14th 10.00 am said Eucharist

Sunday 19th 9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship)

10.30 am Adult and children Arts and Craft session in the hall, all are welcome.

6.30 pm sung Evening Prayer

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.

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**.

A prayer notice board is available for requests at the rear of the church. Please write on it prayers for those who are sick or who need our prayer support for any reason.

***‘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.*

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

Faith at Work in Worcestershire is holding a meeting to raise awareness of the current issue of modern day slavery and human trafficking. The meeting will be on **Saturday February 8th from 10am to 1 pm at The Ark, St Laurence Church, Alverchurch**. The event is free and fully accessible. The morning will be led by two members of the West Mercia Police, Exploitation and Vulnerability Team.

Tickets are available from:

Online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/slavery-and-human-trafficking-in-our-economy-tickets-83980123811?aff=affiliate1>

Email: comms@faithatwork.org.uk

Phone: 01905 621 780

Stamps! Please put any stamps collected from Christmas cards in the box at the back of the church or in an envelope through Pam Emery's letterbox.

CTiR: This month Churches Together in Redditch is asking us to give thanks and to pray for those who encountered Jesus through his people, and in his Church, over the Christmas period. We are asked to pray that this year might become a new beginning for them rather than an annual visit. We pray for all God's people, that we might be emboldened, both corporately and personally, to share Jesus with those we meet in every area of our lives.

‘Kingdom Arts: a fresh expression that meets monthly at St. George Barbourne, Worcs. is an adult group that explores scripture through worship including sharing song and Word, a variety of crafts, community fellowship, and food. A number of the congregations of both the Bridge and SS Matthias & George, Fr. Glenn, Revd. Ruth, and Mthr. Victoria are hoping to attend the session Tuesday 11th February, 10.00-13.00, to have fun, inspire reflection around our current fabulous variety of expressions, and also for venturing into new explorations. It will be good to share in fellowship and food with our sisters and brothers in Christ. ALL are welcome. It is free, although donations are welcomed for their running costs; please contact Mthr. Victoria for further details, and to give an idea of numbers.'

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