

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week Commencing 19th January 2020

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1 v29.

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Today’s Services for Sunday 19th January 2nd

Sunday of Epiphany

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

Hymns: 26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

53 Be still for the presence of the Lord

82 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

434 Restore, O Lord the honour of your name

Services for W/C 19th January

Monday 20th 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 21st 10.00 am said Eucharist

Sunday 26th 10.30 am sung Eucharist (CW)

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. The remaining local(ish) ‘Conversations are on Thursday January 30th and Tuesday February 4th

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

Pauline Jones writes “This week I have sent a cheque to the **Children’s Society** for £50 being your donations when buying the greetings cards I have made. Thank you all so much for your support- I know the donation will be helpful to the Society, along with the Home Collection boxes when we empty them.

For the next few weeks the sale of cards will support Lily in her fundraising to go to a Girl Guiding Jamboree in Canada in July this year and she will help me make more cards. Watch out for some new designs and we can personalise any for you.

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.

Ministries needed to run a church are many and varied and often they are undertaken quite anonymously whilst others are more obvious – readers, servers, flower arrangers, tea and coffee makers, cleaners etc. **Ann Pyne** has undertaken her ministry quietly in the background, and has just retired after 40 years of washing the altar clothes and those on the small serving tables. Thank you and well done Ann.

‘Kingdom Arts: a fresh expression that meets monthly at St. George Barbourne, Worcs. is an adult group exploring scripture through worship including sharing song and Word, a variety of crafts, community fellowship, and food. A number of people from both the Bridge and our church - 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.’

Please note that notices for inclusion in next week’s Spotlight should be given to **Tony Strong** by next Thursday on 01527 893560.

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