

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.**  
**Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

*Jesus said “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” Matthew 6 v 34*

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**Today’s Services for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship)

**There is no Adult and childrens’ Arts and Craft session today, it being half-term.**

6.30 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

7.00 pm Messy Church Planning Meeting

**Services for W/C 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**There will be no weekday services this week because of half-term.**

Sunday 23rd 10.30 am sung Eucharist (CW)

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

We pray for the soul of Iris Blick who has recently died just short of her 101 <sup>st</sup> birthday, and hold her family in our prayers.
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**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**.

*Did you know that today is Sexagesima Sunday? Though no longer marked by the Catholic Church calendar, Sexagesima Sunday is the 2nd Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the eighth before Easter. Septuagesima (last Sunday) was the 3rd before Lent and Quinquagesima the first.*

**Ash Wednesday services 26<sup>th</sup> February:** 9.30 am The Bridge; 7.30 pm Astwood Bank. Both services will use the same order of service together with imposition of ashes.

**Children’s Society Collection home boxes:**

Pauline asks if these could now be returned to her for emptying. Please leave at the back of the church or ring Pauline on 892650, who will collect. Thanks all those who have been collecting and says that she has lots of boxes which can go to both regular savers or ‘to new homes’.

There is a letter on the notice board thanking everyone who supported the Children’s Society by buying greetings cards, raising £50.

**CTiR** This month our prayers are asked for The Bridge Church at Headless Cross, an LEP (Local Ecumenical Partnership) between the CofE and Methodist Church. They give thanks for the seasons of Advent and Christmas and the New Year which has seen the church community working closely together in mission and outreach and hundreds of young people and adults coming through the doors of the church to hear the Christmas story in many different ways. They ask us to pray for the continuing mission of the church through its Mission Action Plan and asking for wisdom and discernment in that process as they consider the church’s vision for the coming decade. Pray also for the ministers: Rev Glenn Reading (CofE) and Rev Ruth Wilson (Methodist) as they work together to work out that Mission plan.

**Messy Church:** Here are some dates to put in your diaries. An initial Planning Meeting will be held **Tonight at 7pm** preceded by Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm should people wish to attend. There will be a further Planning Meeting on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** followed by a short Evening Prayer. This will be in preparation for: **March** Messy, Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> theme (Lent) **June** Messy, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> (Encounter with Jesus)

**September** Messy, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>(Starting new things/calling disciples)

**November** Messy, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>(Advent)

*Everyone is most welcome to attend the Planning Meetings and to see where and how they can help grow our church.*

**Congratulations to Irene and Ian** on becoming grandparents again on January 26<sup>th</sup>! Even greater congratulations to **Natalie and Craig** on the birth of Jed Darren Sable, a brother for Cerys. Jed, short for Jedidiah, King Solomon’s second name, weighed in at 8lb 5oz and according to Irene is ‘gorgeous!’

Please give notices for inclusion in next week’s edition to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at [richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk).

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