

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020, St David's Day**

*Jesus answered "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4 v 4*

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**Today's Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March Lent 1**

9.00 am said Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Informal Family Service led by Irene

**Services for W/C 1st March**

Monday 2nd 12.30 pm Mid-day prayers (*Please note the new regular time for Mid-day prayers*)

Tuesday 3rd 10.00 am said Eucharist

7.30 pm Lent course in the vicarage (*see below*)

Sunday 8th 10.30 am, Lent 2, 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, Dora, Margaret, Margaret, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim and Jon.

*We pray for the soul of Iris Blick who recently died and hold her family in our prayers. Her funeral will be at the Crematorium at 2pm on 9<sup>th</sup> March.*

Please return **Children's Society Collection boxes** as the monies need to be totalled. Please leave them at the back of the church or ring **Pauline** on 892650, who will collect.

**Lent course:** Please pick up a leaflet about the Tuesday Lent course taking place in the vicarage starting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30 pm. The course will be based on the excellent TV drama 'Broken' starring Sean Bean as a Catholic priest.

**Appeal to Help Refugees** - Can you help? Bromsgrove & Redditch Welcomes Refugees (BRWR) working with People In Motion (PIM) have, over the last two years, collected donations of clothes, shoes, tents, sleeping bags, blankets and coats which are then sent to refugees in northern France or Greece. They will be at The Bridge Church on the first Saturday of each month; the next collection being on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. For more information phone Sue Yeng on 07973 130964.

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). Log onto our website for more information [www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk)

**CTiR** This month our prayers are asked for the members of **Oasis Christian Centre**, Plymouth Road who rejoice and are blessed with having a number of children and babies attending each week. They ask for our prayers for the sabbatical that Pastor Robin is currently having, that it will be a period of study and refreshment. They ask us to pray for Pastors Rachel and Josh and other leaders during this period. They also ask us to prayer for the success of their Alpha course to be run after Easter, and for Sian, their newly appointed Parent and Toddler group leader. We pray also for the Leadership Team, that they will have clear direction in resolving challenges in their outreach work; and also for several families recently bereaved and for a number of members with challenging health issues.

**Messy Church:** There will be a planning meeting at **7 pm, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** specifically geared towards the **March Messy session at 4 pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** when the theme will be Lent.

**June** Messy, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> (Encounter with Jesus). Planning meeting Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 6.30

**September** Messy, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> (Starting new things/calling disciples) Planning meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm.

**November** Messy, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> (Advent). Planning meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30

**The World day of Prayer** is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March (Used to be the women's world day of prayer, but has been widened!) There will be a service in the Ecumenical Centre, Kingfisher Walk, at 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is welcome. It is a great service, drawn up by women of Zimbabwe, so lots of colour and singing.

*Mary's Meals: is a charity which tries to feed needy children throughout the world one meal per day while they are at school, using the local community and local produce when possible. At the moment, because of drought in North Kenya, they can only feed the youngest children. They would like to extend their work to include the older children, thereby keeping them at school and supporting their education. If you are interested in offering support you can contact Mary's Meals on 0800 6981212 or 01838 200605. If you would like to know more about the charity speak to Barry Jones on 01527 520659*

