

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week Commencing 23rd February 2020

... suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” Matthew 17 v5

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Today’s Services for Sunday 23rd February
Quinquagesima Sunday, 1st before Lent

10.30 am sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

Hymns: 69 Breathe on me breath of God

106 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

366 O God our help in ages past

27 Amazing Grace

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 23rd February

Monday 24th 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 25th 10.00 am said Eucharist

Sunday 1st March 9.00 am, 1st Sunday in Lent said Eucharist (book of Common Prayer)

10.30 am Informal Family Service led by Irene

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 has recently died just short of her 101st birthday, and hold her family in our prayers.

Ash Wednesday services 26th 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. She 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.

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.

Log onto our website for more information
www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

CTiR This month our prayers are asked for The Bridge Church at Headless Cross, They ask us to pray for the continuing mission of the church through its Mission Action Plan and ask 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: Following last Sunday’s planning meeting there will be a further planning meeting at **7 pm, on Sunday 15th March** specifically geared towards the **March Messy session at 4 pm on Saturday 28th March** when the theme will be Lent.

June Messy, Saturday 27th (Encounter with Jesus). Planning meeting Sunday 7th June 6.30

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

November Messy, Saturday 28th (Advent). Planning meeting Tuesday 3rd November 7.30

Everyone is most welcome to attend the planning meetings and sessions to see where and how they can help grow our church.

Congratulations to Irene and Ian on becoming grandparents again on January 26th. Even greater congratulations to **Natalie and Craig** on the birth of Jed Darren Sable, a brother for Cerys. Jed, weighed in at 8lb 5oz and according to Irene is ‘gorgeous!’

Appeal to Help Refugees - Can you help? Bromsgrove & Redditch Welcomes Refugees (BRWR) working with People In Motion (PIM) have, over the last two years, been collecting donations of clothes, shoes, tents, sleeping bags, blankets and coats which are then sent out 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 7th March from 2.00pm - 4.00pm**. Come and chat with them and find out more, or phone Sue Yeng on 07973 130964.

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

