

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week Commencing 9th February 2020

Jesus said ‘...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven’

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Today’s Services for Sunday 9th February

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

Hymns: 73 Brother, sister, let me serve you

268 Jesus Christ is waiting

501 There is a wideness in God’s mercy

231 I heard the voice of Jesus say

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 9th February

Monday 10th 12 noon Mid-day prayers

Nb Tuesday 11th There will be no said Eucharist

Sunday 16th 9.00 am said Eucharist (CW)

6.30 pm sung Evening Prayer

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 Bush and Tim Powell.

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.

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.

Cards: Do have a look at the cards for all occasions which Pauline has made with the help of granddaughter Lily to help support Lily’s Guiding trip to Canada in July.

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

‘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 are hoping to attend the session on Tuesday 11th February, 10.00-13.00. 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.’

Volunteer Supervisor to assist in Hewell Prison

Visitors centre Canteen: A really valuable service that the Mothers’ Union has delivered for years at Hewell Prison is in danger of being lost, and with it all the extras that come from it that are ploughed back into the Prison. A supervisor behind the canteen counter and dividing door for the Visitors Centre Canteen is needed. There’s no need to be a MU member. The Visitors Centre is not in the prison and therefore no security to go through on site. There is ample safe parking a short distance from the centre in the prison grounds. Please contact Jean Swift at jean.swift@btinternet.com or speak to Richard Porteous for more information.

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 initial dates to put in your diaries; a more comprehensive calendar will follow next week. An initial Planning Meeting will be held next **Sunday, 16th February at 7pm** followed by a short Evening Prayer;

This year’s first Messy Church session will be held on Saturday 28th March with Lent as its theme. **You are all most welcome to attend and to see where you can help grow our church.**

Thank you Tony Strong for producing Spotlight during the past two weeks. 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

