

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 15th March 2020 Lent 3

They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.” John 4 v 42

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Today’s Services for Sunday 15th March

9.00 am said Eucharist (Common Worship)

10.30 am Adult & children Art & Craft session

6.30 pm sung Evening Prayer

Hymns: 6 Abide with me

15 All my hope on God is founded

154 Give thanks with a grateful heart

560 Will you come and follow me

Services for W/C 15th March

Monday 16th 12.30 pm Mid-day prayers

Tuesday 17th 10.00 am said Eucharist

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

Sunday 22nd 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, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon and Pastor Robin Baker.

We pray for the soul of Audrey Hancox recently departed and hold her family in our prayers. Her funeral will be at 2pm on Friday 20th March at Redditch Crematorium.

Lent course: The Lent course takes place in the hall each Tuesday at 7.30 pm. It is based on the excellent TV drama ‘Broken’ starring Sean Bean as a Catholic priest.

Rev Mike Spencer, has recently resigned as chairman/chaplain of the Astwood Bank Royal British Legion (RBL) due to his imminent move to Gloucestershire. **Father Glenn** has accepted the offer of being the new chaplain. However, we still call him Father and not Padre. ☺

Rev Barry Jones writes that ‘**Birmingham Festival Choral Society**: is performing Rossini’s ‘Petite Messe Solennelle’ at the Ruddock Centre, King Edward’s Boys School, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2UA on Saturday 28 March at 7.30pm. If you would like tickets please contact Barry Jones on 01527 520659.’

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

Messy Church: Owing to the Corona Virus outbreak, the March session has regrettably been cancelled as has this evening’s planning meeting.

CTiR *This month our prayers are asked for the members of Oasis Christian Centre, Plymouth Road. They ask for our prayers for the sabbatical that Pastor Robin is currently taking and for his recovery from his sudden illness. They ask us to pray for Pastors Rachel and Josh and other leaders during this period. They also ask us to pray for their Alpha course to be run after Easter, and for Sian, their newly appointed Parent and Toddler group leader.*

Cups and saucers! Thank you Meg and Neil Spalding for donating the very attractive cups and saucers which they had used when fundraising for SSAFA.

Theo’s Baptism: At 3.00 pm on Sunday April 15th Theo, Immi’s son (Immi is Victoria’s sister) is being baptised at the Bridge and all are welcome to attend the service.

Home Visits: Anyone who wishes to have a home visit or receive home communion should contact Irene Hamilton on 894179

Gardener wanted! Kerry Mills our gardener is regrettably unable to continue and consequently a new one is required. Though a paid role is available, if members of the congregation were able to donate a few hours per month to prune, weed and keep the garden tidy then it would save our finances to the tune of some £800! Please see Ann Robinson or Irene if you are able to help.

Corona Virus (Covid 19)

Due to the current situation with Coronavirus and the received advice from the Church of England, the following advice will now be implemented:

- When taking Communion just the bread wafer will be received but no wine from a chalice.
- We will refrain from sharing physical signs of the peace such as hand-shakes or hugs.
- We will suspend catering activities such as serving tea and coffee after services and on other occasions. A full list of recommendations can be found by following the link below

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

