

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 22nd March 2020 Lent 4

The psalm set for today is appropriately Psalm 23, the NRSV version is in the attached readings. Following are verses 4-6 from the King James Version of the Bible, more commonly remembered amongst more mature folk like myself.

‘Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.’

Well friends, Spotlight looks a bit different, especially as there are no services listed, not just for today but next week also, nor do we know for how many weeks this will continue. But that shouldn't stop us from keeping in touch as a group of people within the congregation of SS Matthias & George. You will have seen attached to my email the collects, psalm and readings for today's service (had there been one) and I will send these out on a weekly basis. Please try to read them during the coming week.

We now have a chance to share a few items with one another. For instance, it would be great in these dark times to be able to celebrate things. For example, are there any upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, births and christenings that we can mention and celebrate? Are there some folk we know who would welcome a phone-call? Similarly, there may be some who wish to be added to the prayer list, but please ask their permission. Please let me know and I'll include them in future editions along with other ideas **you** may have.

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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.

Nightstop Foodbank: With certain items of food flying off the shelves in the supermarkets as some people stockpile them, it is imperative that foodbanks are well stocked for those less well off than ourselves. Please give as generously as you can and place items of food and toiletries in the **box provided in the porch by the west door.**

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.

Please give notices for inclusion in next week's edition to **Richard Porteous** by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at

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Tonight!! National Church Leaders including Archbishop Justin Welby have issued the following statement 'This Mothering **Sunday, 22nd March**, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. **At 7pm** this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.'

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I think we can do that, can't we?

Subject: [CTiR] A message from to the churches
To: Churches Together in Redditch <ctiredditch@googlegroups.com>

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