

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.  
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.  
Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Jesus Christ is risen, hallelujah: He is risen indeed, hallelujah**

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Jesus; Luke 24 v30-31*



As lockdown continues, are there parents and grandparents out there scratching their heads as to what to do with their children? Well, make sure you go onto our website and click on the ‘Sunday Stars - Activities for Easter’ page? There is a whole range of art and craft activities to try, and don’t forget, take a photo of the finished articles and upload them onto the website. What’s more of course, doing these activities with your (grand) children is a wonderful way to tell and explain the Easter story.

Irene has sent a message to our younger members and says ‘I hope you are all well and not finding it too hard being back to school online. Although it’s hard not being able to do the things we usually do, a big thanks for being at home and helping out with staying safe. Love and best wishes Irene’

A message to the wider congregation has also been sent by Irene. ‘I am hoping you are all well. If there is anything you need please let me know and hopefully I will be able to sort it. My thoughts and prayers are with you and it hopefully won’t be long before we can meet and worship at the church once again.’

Remember that <https://yourneighbour.org/>. is a "one stop shop" of Covid 19 resources, advice and devotional material. More locally, Worcester Diocese have a dedicated page on their website. Particularly relevant are the sections on Hospital advice in the county and also live streaming of Services: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/2020/03/16/coronavirus-latest-information/>.

***But remember there are lots of resources on our own website. This Sunday Glenn will again be celebrating the Eucharist online (10.30 am) whilst Victoria continues to live-stream Compline each evening. (Please see below.)***

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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, Pastor Robin Baker and Colin Baines.

**Our website:** Be sure to go onto our website [www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk) and under ‘online resources’ see all the material that Mother Victoria has uploaded to help us through the coming weeks. She also wishes to mention that the Holy Eucharist **IS** live streamed every Sunday at 10.30 on the Church website, (go to Virtual Church) and that she is live-streaming Compline each night at 9.20 pm, on Facebook. Victoria also states that ‘In this way, there ARE

## **A message from Glenn; Ann, Treasurer; and Sarah, Gift Aid Secretary:**

First, we hope you are all well and keeping safe at this time

Second, thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Your support meant the ministry of the church continued and we were able to meet our financial needs last year.

The year ahead will be difficult in light of the Coronavirus and the restrictions placed on us. We will miss gathering to worship together and there will be an increased financial challenge as our income is greatly reduced. We are also thankful for the ongoing support of the Diocese which connects us to the greater body of Christ and are mindful of the challenges the wider church was facing which will be magnified at present. Our support of the diocese allows them to support us. The largest part of our budget is the parish share, which this year comes in at £22755

The ministry and work of the Church will continue even though the buildings are closed and we would ask for your continued prayers and support.

To be good stewards of the resources we have, could we kindly ask you to review the way in which you currently give? **If you were able to give online or setup a Direct Debit this would hugely help the churches continued ministry in our community.** The details for the Bank account are below.

The sort code for our bank is:-30-96-97 and the account number Is 01231758. Cheques can be made payable to 'PCC Astwood Bank'.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support which allow us to minister to our community at this time. May the Lord bless and keep us. Amen

<https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/571088/Home/News/Latestnews/PrayersofHope.aspx>

services, and we can in a sense all worship together as a dispersed community.'

**Please pray for all patients in hospitals throughout the country suffering from Covid 19; for all NHS staff and Chaplaincy Teams and for Care Home staff and carers in the community. We pray also for the souls of over 100 NHS and Care Homes staff who have died from the disease and for their families and loved ones.**

**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.

**Nightstop Foodbank:** Please support the food bank more than ever during this time of considerable anxiety for many. Please give as generously as you can and place items of food and toiletries either in the boxes located at supermarkets or in the **box provided in the porch by the west door.**

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)

**Churches Together England:** For a copy of the 'Churches Together England' candle poster, click on the long address below.

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