

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 14th June 2020, 1st Sunday after Trinity

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Psalm 100 v 5

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We pray for those who are sick: - Philippa, Rosie, Alex, Jean, Margaret, Marion, Alexei, Dora, Margaret, Margaret, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon & Naomi (Naomi is Paul & Diane Harrison’s daughter and Jon their son-in-law), Pastor Robin Baker, Colin, and Steven Taylor.

We pray for the soul of **Lilian (Lil) Newman**, recently departed, whose private funeral will be at Feckingham Church on June 18th. We hold her sons Steven and Mark, and other members of her family in our prayers.

Foodbanks: *As more and more companies announce redundancies we can expect foodbanks to be under increasing pressure to provide food and other everyday items for increasing numbers of people. If you can, please support foodbanks during this time of considerable anxiety for many. Please leave any food or toiletry donations on the Vicarage doorstep. Glenn will then take them to Newstart in Bromsgrove which is still operating for vulnerable families.*

You can of course leave items in the boxes provided in supermarkets if you prefer; these will go to the local Redditch foodbank which you will recall moved its base to Number24 Church Green East, Redditch. The opening times are 11-2pm Monday to Thursday and 10-1pm Friday for collection of food.

On March 23rd the first Covid related death was reported at the Alexandra hospital, sadly, it was confirmed last week that 264 patients who were being cared for at Worcester Acute Hospitals Trust, and had tested positive for COVID-19, had since died. 3 had died in the past 10 days. We pray for the souls of all those who have died and mourn with their relatives and friends. We also give thanks to all those wonderful people who cared for them in hospital and have also cared for those who have recovered and go home. We pray for a positive outcome for those currently in hospital.

Calling June Madison and Meg Spalding! We hope June had a very Happy 90th Birthday last Friday, and



Meg, belated birthday wishes for 6th June.

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

This Sunday Glenn will again be holding Morning Prayer online at 10.30 am with Victoria continuing to live-stream Compline each evening at 9 pm. Go to the Church website, click on and go to Virtual Church. *If you’d like to watch Reverend Ruth saying Methodist Evening Prayer at 7pm Monday to Friday, then go onto the Bridge Church website and click on Virtual Church.*

Our Website: Do go onto our website www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk and under ‘online resources’, see the material that Mother Victoria has uploaded to help us through the lockdown period. *The website also contains children’s activities; just go to Sunday Stars and you’ll find them there along with a weekly letter from Irene.*

Did you know, that there are some whacky special days in June? For instance, this week, on June 15th it’s Global Wind Day (the mind boggles!); whilst on Wednesday it’s Eat Your Vegetables Day. June 18th is both International Picnic Day and also International Panic Day, I kid you not.

Saturday 20th June, however, is **World Refugee Day**. As you can imagine, being a refugee must be bad enough, but to be a refugee coping with Covid 19 must be absolutely horrendous. Here are a couple of prayers you may wish to read during the forthcoming week: *Father, as your people seek refuge in a time of uncertainty - when borders are closed, resettlement halted, and health services limited - may your presence be known to all refugees and those who assist them. May we, the global community, bring comfort to the broken-hearted with heart and arms open to receive them*

We pray for all those who have no place to call home, for those who are without refuge.

Where shelter, food and money is ours to offer, grant us the will and resolve to show forth your generosity.

May our cry for justice never falter.

May self-interest and economic gain never deflect us from the ways of your Kingdom.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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