

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 28st June 2020, 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Jesus said to his twelve: “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me”. Matthew 10 v 40

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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.

Foodbanks: *Do you do ‘click and collect’ from the Supermarket or have your groceries ‘delivered’? If so do you always remember to put in some extra items for the foodbank? I’m afraid we find it so easy to overlook this and have to go back into the computer to add on things. If you can, please support foodbanks during this time of considerable anxiety for many. Currently most foodbanks are giving out food parcels and the following items are always needed: cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans, pulses, tea/coffee, biscuits, fruit juice, tinned meat and tinned vegetables.*

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.

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.

We give thanks as all the ‘numbers’ relating to the Covid statistics are coming down in this country, albeit slowly, and pray that the population will be sensible and mindful of the rules governing the gradual returning to normality. We also pray for the people of those countries, often with poorer health systems, where the growth of Covid 19 shows little sign of abating.

Stamps: It will soon be Christmas time! (No, no, it’s a Joke!!) In fact we’ve got a long way to go until Christmas, so this is just a reminder to squirrel away those stamps we occasionally find on letters and cards so that we can give them to Pam Emery who collects them for a charity.

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](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk) onto our website for more information www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk

Our Website: Please visit our website www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk and under Virtual Church click on ‘Prayers and Scripture in Times of Anxiety’ to see the material that Mother Victoria has uploaded. *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 which all of us can enjoy.*

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.*

There will be some amongst you who enjoyed visiting or receiving visits from children and grandchildren last Sunday, Father’s Day. Getting back from York, having spent the day with our son and his family, it was a very pleasant surprise to find a small favour of chocolate sweets inside the door. They didn’t last long! I had just one!! Thank you Irene and Sunday Stars helpers for the kind thought and for delivering them.

Today we wish **many Happy Returns to Brian Richards** for his birthday. We hope you have a really enjoyable day Brian, with the family ‘spoiling you rotten’.

The Revd Mike Bartlett: After a ministry of four decades, the last three being at St Peters, Father Mike has decided to hang up his dog collar (he’ll now confound me by getting a dog!). His final services will be July 5th and further information regarding these will be given next week. He and his wife Lynn will be leaving the parish on July 22nd and moving to the southern outskirts of Birmingham. We wish them well and to show our appreciation of the relationship that our church has had with Father Mike during that time we will be making a collection towards a leaving present and adding it to that collected at St Peters. There are two ways of doing this; if you prefer to give cash then please put the gift in an envelope with your name and the amount on the outside and put it through the letterbox of Irene and Ian Hamilton’s house, 1079 Evesham Road. Irene will ensure that she takes all Covid 19 safety precautions. If you prefer to pay by card please give Mrs Diane Mowatt, St Peters Churchwarden, a ring on 542222 who will provide you with the necessary details.

