

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 16th August 2020, 10th Sunday after Trinity

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Psalm 67 v1 (KJV)

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This Sunday: Watch Father Glenn hold Morning Prayer online at 10.30 am joined by Mother Victoria. Click on the Church website, and then click onto Virtual Church. Victoria continues to stream Compline online at 9pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday each week.

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. *Don’t forget that the website also contains children’s activities.* Talking of young people, **Sunday Stars** has finished for the Summer Break and will resume on September 6th.

Foodbanks: If you can, please support foodbanks during this time of considerable anxiety for many, especially as the number of unemployed people moves inexorably upwards.

Change is afoot! Open Conversations round 2! Father Glenn writes: ‘Hi all, the Diocese is holding its next round of open conversations about the future and it would be good if as many people as possible could join one of the many sessions’. These sessions are designed to look at how a healthy and sustainable Church in the diocese can be effectively resourced into the future. Conversations will take place via Zoom on the following dates: **Tuesday 8th September: 3-5pm & 6-8 pm; Friday 18th September 10am -12 noon; Monday 21st September 6 -8 pm; Tuesday 22nd September 6 - 8 pm; Thursday 24th September 6 – 8 pm; Monday 28th September 2 – 4 pm; 6 – 8 pm**

To sign up for one of the conversations, please contact the training team with your preferred date on training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01905 732812. You will be sent the Zoom details ahead of the conversation.

Quick prayers: For those who are lonely.
For those who have no one to check on them.
For families that are separated.

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

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, Pastor Robin Baker, Colin, Steven, and Margaret.

Diane and Paul Harrison have been in touch asking for our prayers for their daughter Naomi and son-in-law Jon who both require major and life-changing surgery in the near future. Please keep them in your prayers along with their young son Isaac. We also pray for Diane and Paul.

The church is currently open for private prayer on Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 noon; and on Sundays between 2 and 4 pm.

It is hoped for the resumption of worship in early September. Watch this space!

<p>Please note: That a mask or face covering must be worn when entering the church for private prayer sessions. You will not be expected to wear a mask if you have a legitimate reason not to do so.</p>
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Pastoral letter/Email addresses directory: Please contact either Fr Glenn or Richard Porteous if you have not received a pastoral letter from Fr Glenn, or an email regarding an online directory of church members’ email/postal addresses. **Do make sure you complete the directory form and return it to Fr Glenn.**

Change is afoot! Please google *Worcester Diocese, changing our deaneries*, for information on the reduction of deaneries within the Diocese.

Quick prayers: For peace in our town and in our world.
For renewed friendships among neighbours.
For solidarity and unity among all peoples.
For a greater appreciation and love of all humanity.

On the 19th August each year we celebrate **World Humanitarian Day**. The purpose of World Humanitarian Day is to raise awareness of the plight of civilians around the world who have become caught up in conflicts, and also honour and raise support for the humanitarian workers who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives when helping. Over 130 million people throughout the world are currently in crisis, either through war or natural disasters and are in need of humanitarian aid.

