

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 23rd August 2020, 11th Sunday after Trinity

Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’” Matthew 16 v 16

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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.*

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 would be very grateful if people could sign up for one of the upcoming conversations relating to the future of a healthy, sustainable church in the diocese and how it can be effectively resourced. All against a background of financial cutbacks! 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 a 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.

You can get feedback from the ‘open conversations’ held between December and February from this month’s ‘Diocesan Mailing’

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 Emms, Marion, Alexei, Dora, Margaret Mills, Margaret Savage, Nesta, Hazel, Heather, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon & Naomi, Pastor Robin Baker, Colin, Steven, and Margaret Andrew.

Diane and Paul Harrison’s daughter Naomi has, this week, had major and life-changing surgery, with their son-in-law Jon requiring major surgery in the near future. Please hold Naomi, Jon, their son Isaac, together with Diane and Paul in your prayers.

Private Prayer The church is currently open for private prayer on Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 noon; and Sundays between 2 and 4 pm. **It is hoped for the resumption of worship next month with the prospective date being September 6th which is ‘Climate Sunday’.**

Climate Sunday As part of a new initiative to combat climate change, A Rocha UK are encouraging Christian churches of all denominations to take action linked to a national Climate Sunday event on 5 September 2021. See the current ‘Diocesan Mailing’.

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.

Quick prayers: For those who are suffering from physical or emotional abuse. *For those who are suffering because of changes in societal structures and unjust policies.* For those who are struggling with physical or mental disabilities. *For those who are overwhelmed by anxiety and stress.*

Email/postal addresses directory: Please can you ensure that you complete the directory form and return it to Fr Glenn. This will enable Glenn to quickly contact all members of the congregation.

Quick prayers: For firefighters, police, and emergency medical workers. *For doctors, nurses, and all health care professionals and care home staff.* For all other key workers.

The vestry clear out! This very occasional event has started. If you think there is something in the vestry which is yours and you wish to claim it, please speak to Fr Glenn asap.

