

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 2nd August 2020, 8th Sunday after Trinity

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works. Psalm 145 v8-9

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This Sunday: Father Glenn will again be holding Morning Prayer online at 10.30 am **from SS Matthias & George and will be joined by Mother Victoria.** Click on the Church website, and then click onto Virtual Church.

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. 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; or leave a donation or two in the boxes provided by the supermarkets.

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.

Change is afoot! The Diocese is now recruiting for the new post of Deputy Diocesan Secretary: Restructuring, who has the change and programme management skills to help transform the Church across the diocese. If you know of anyone who this post might suit then the link for an application pack is <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/job-vacancies/deputy-diocesan-secretary.php>

Happy Birthday Irene: Belated birthday wishes to Irene who had her birthday last Thursday, July 30th. We hope that you enjoyed the day in keeping with the lovely weather.

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 Andrew.

We pray for the soul of Joan Murray recently departed whose funeral took place last Thursday. We hold her husband Bill, and other members of her family in our prayers.

A ‘Recovery Group’ formed from the clergy and from church laity have met online to discuss the reopening of the church for private prayer and subsequently for the resumption of worship.

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 September. Watch this space!

Holidays! We pray for all those going on holiday this summer and thank you for the refreshment which holidays bring to our lives and for new experiences and opportunities. May we use our holidays to appreciate your creation and understand more clearly the fullness of life you constantly offer us. Accept our thanks for the rich variety of life which is your gift, and when our holidays are over, help us safely return refreshed with a new vision of your will for us. At the same time we pray for all those whose holiday plans have been disrupted or cancelled due to new Covid regulations, comfort them in their disappointment.

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 addresses.

CTiR has called for a **Day of Prayer on Tuesday** August 4th asking God to guide us in strengthening the Church as we come out of lockdown and start to get back to some form of normality. Figures show that the pandemic has awakened a new spiritual hunger and we need to help as many people as possible to become God’s disciples.