

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry.
Week commencing 30th August 2020, 12th Sunday after Trinity

Jesus said to his disciples “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Matthew 16 v 24

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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.*

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! Have you signed up for one of the ‘Conversations about change’? These 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.

Mthr. Victoria’s ordination to priest, which was postponed due to the lockdown, is planned to take place on **September 27th 2020**. More details will follow nearer the time, but do keep her and all others to be ordained priest and deacon this Michaelmas in your prayers.

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

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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.

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. Initially there will only be one private prayer session per week on Wednesdays once church services resume on September 6th.*

Resumption of church services: Church services will resume on **Sunday 6th September** at **4pm**. It will greatly help in the organisation of chairs for worship in line with the current regulations, if you could phone or text Fr Glenn on 0796 4282 278 by September 1st if you plan to attend the service at **nb 4pm** on September 6th.

Please note: That a mask or face covering must be worn when entering the church for private prayer sessions and services. You will not be expected to wear a mask if you have a legitimate reason not to do so.

Jams and chutney for sale! Ann Robinson has a variety of jams and chutneys for sale. If you are interested in buying some then please phone her on 893214 to arrange payment and collection.

Quick prayers: For all pupils, teachers and support staff soon to return to schools. *For those fearful about their jobs.* For a greater appreciation and love of all humanity. *For peace in our world.*

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

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.

Collects, readings and homily. This will be the last Sunday when the collects and readings will be accompanying Spotlight. It has been decided to discontinue buying them from Redemptorist Publications.

