

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry.**  
**Week commencing 9th August 2020, 9th Sunday after Trinity**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. Psalm 85 v 13

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**This Sunday:** Father Glenn will again be holding Morning Prayer online at 10.30 am 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.*

**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 8<sup>th</sup> September: 3-5pm & 6-8 pm;**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10am -12 noon; Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 6 -8 pm; Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 6 - 8 pm; Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 6 – 8 pm; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 unemployed.  
For those suffering financial hardships.  
For those who face an uncertain future.

**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.

**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!*

**Please note: From August 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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. **Do make sure you complete the directory form and return it to Fr Glenn.**

**Change is afoot!** The Diocese is holding a consultation process to discuss the reduction of the number of deaneries from 13 to 6. It is proposed that our deanery is named the Redditch and Bromsgrove Deanery and it's likely to be enlarged. Please google *Worcester Diocese, changing our deaneries*, for more information

**Quick prayers:** For patience and perseverance.  
For calm in the midst of fear.  
For the grace to overcome adversity.  
For generosity of spirit.  
For hope in times of despair.  
For light in the darkness

**Birthdays!!** Many Happy Returns to Pauline Jones whose birthday was on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August and to Fr Glenn who celebrates his on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk)  
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