

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry
Week commencing Sunday September 26th 2021, 17th after Trinity

‘Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower’ – Albert Camus

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Covid safety measures: The use of face coverings in church will continue to be encouraged until the Covid infection rate falls below 50 cases per 100,000. We will also continue maintaining social distancing as a precaution.

The congregation will be able to sing with face coverings in place, but there will be no need to book places in church or to record attendance.

Today’s service is sung Eucharist at 4 pm

Weekday services this week are at:

10 am, Tuesday 28th, Eucharist service at SS Matthias & George.

10 am, Thursday 30th, Private Prayer at St. Peter’s, Crabbs Cross.

Next Sunday 4 pm, 3rd October, Harvest Thanksgiving Sung Eucharist. Please bring some dried or tinned food gifts if you are able which will be taken to the Homestart foodbank. Any financial gifts will be donated to the local charities preparing to welcome Afghan families that are re-settling in the county. There will be no fresh food auction.

Please note - additional online services.

- Fr Glenn continues to stream Sunday Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm on our Facebook page.
- Please note that Mthr Victoria will continue to offer Compline **but in future on Thursdays** at 9pm. Just press ctrl+ and click on the following link <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.barlow.750>
- You can also watch Rev Ruth Wilson offer **Evening Prayer from the Methodist Manse at 5.00 pm on Mondays.** Just click Control + [here](#) to view

We pray for those who are sick: Philippa, Rosie, Alex, Jean, Margaret Emms, Marion, Alexei, Dora, Margaret Savage, Nesta, Heather, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon & Naomi, Colin, Steven, Margaret Andrew, Brian, Wendy, Christopher, Gill Balcombe, and Julia Savage.

Foodbanks: There is a box at the rear of the church in which food and toiletry gifts can be placed which will go to **Redditch Homestart.**

Benefice Newsletter: Please see Fr Glenn if you haven’t received a Benefice newsletter and wish to.

Mthr Victoria has placements: This term, as part of her final year of curacy, Mthr Victoria has two placements, one at the Dusty Forge in Cardiff Our Place ACE - Action in Caerau & Ely (aceplace.org) and one at Birmingham Cathedral. She will therefore be in the ‘parish’ a little less. Please do be patient with her! (and pray for the people with whom she will be working)

Last Sunday’s recital and service: Mthr Victoria .. “Would like to thank all who helped with last week’s Recital and Choral Evensong, particularly those who modelled the love and hospitality of God by baking and serving cake and tea. There were many lovely comments about how much people had felt nourished by the day in so many ways. Carmen Johnson and her family were also delighted by the tribute to Paul, and we continue to pray for them in the months ahead”.

It’s officially Autumn; and the leaves changing their colours on the trees and then falling, leaving the branches ever barer thereby heralding winter,



are a beautiful, but stark reminder, of the cold, lack of sunshine and rain just around the corner. But for hundreds of thousands of young adults, autumn is their Spring when they leave home, many for the first time, to go to college or university. After the awful, previous 18 months when their hopes of a fulfilling university life were repeatedly thwarted, they are ever hopeful that their dreams at last can be realised. *We pray that that they will be safe; that they will relish the opportunity to learn new things and make new friends; that Lord, you will be in their conversations with others and will be with them to guide and support them all the way.*

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