

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry**  
**Week commencing Sunday October 24th 2021, 21st after Trinity**

*Jesus answered, "The first (commandment) is.....; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Mark 12 v 29-30*

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**Covid safety measures:** The use of face coverings in church is 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 Evening Prayer at 4.00 pm. Please see accompanying email**

**Weekday services this week are at:**  
**10 am, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Traditional Language Eucharist at SS Matthias & George.**  
**10 am, Thursday 28th, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.**  
**4pm Sunday 31st October, All Saints Day, Eucharist, Astwood Bank**

**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 **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, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon & Naomi, Colin, Steven, Margaret Andrew, Brian, Wendy, Christopher, Gill

**All Souls:** On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 pm, Mthr Victoria will lead an All Souls service here in church. If you wish the names of loved ones to be remembered at the service, please **PRINT** them on the sheet of paper at the rear of the church.

Please give notices for inclusion in next week's Spotlight to Richard Porteous by next Thursday on 01527 542620 or at [richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardporteous@yahoo.co.uk). Log onto our website for more information at [www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.astwoodbankchurch.org.uk)

**Benefice Newsletter:** The **November Benefice newsletter** will soon be published, please see Fr Glenn if you do not receive one.

**Important notice, please note:** On each third Sunday of the month, there will be a regular Common Worship Holy Communion service at 10.30am. The planned new informal service will start on 4th Sunday of October at 4pm (**Today!**) and this fourth Sunday at 4pm will be its regular slot moving forward. The pattern will then be:

*1st Sunday 4pm Common Holy Communion*  
*2nd Sunday 4pm Common Holy Communion*  
*3rd Sunday 10.30am Common Holy Communion*  
*4th Sunday 4pm Informal Holy Communion*

This is part of a range of new ideas to welcome a wider group of people in our community, we won't get the informal service right immediately, but we will review and re-shape it as needed. We hope the whole worshipping community will be able to support this new pattern of worship.

**28th October** 'Is the feast of **Ss. Simon and Jude**, the evangelist apostle duo. Simon is the 11th Apostle, known as Simon the Zealot. St. Jude (also called Thaddeus) is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked Jesus why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. St. Jude is the patron of lost and desperate causes, and so one of Mthr V's patrons ... we pray alongside the saints, as we do each other, our sisters and brothers in heaven. Ss. Simon & Jude pray for us.' *Courtesy of The Bridge Newsletter.*

**Children's Society collection boxes:** Pauline Jones has asked that all 'our lovely boxholders' - her actual words - (*the young smoothie*) be informed that she will be distributing boxes after half-term in which people can put their pennies and loose change in order to help less fortunate children. If anyone would like a box who hasn't had one before please contact Pauline; conversely if anyone no longer wishes to have a box they should also contact her. Obviously, with no national collection being undertaken since the beginning of lockdown, the Society's funds have been much reduced and hopefully our loose change can help to make a small difference to its income.

**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.**

