

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry
Week commencing Sunday October 31st 2021, All Saints Day

Jesus said to Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" John 11 v 40

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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 Eucharist at 4.00 pm.

Weekday services this week are at:

10 am, Tuesday 2nd November, Traditional Language Eucharist at SS Matthias & George.

7.30 pm, Tuesday, 2nd, All Souls service at Astwood Bank, please see note below.

10 am, Thursday 4th, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.

4pm, Sunday 7th, sung 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 Soul's: On Tuesday 2nd 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. Log onto our website for more information at 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 be at 4pm on the 4th Sunday of each month. 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.

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.

Thank you note from Home-Start: Karen Jones the manager has written, 'We would like to say a big thank you to all your parishioners who donated food at your Harvest Festival to support our Home-Start families. Since September we have seen a great demand for food and personal care products. Luckily young children who are attending school are being provided with a free hot meal at lunch times, but as many children are isolating or have caught the many nasty viruses that are going around, or are in an older school year, it is putting added pressure on parents to feed their families. So thank you again for your kindness shown towards them. We hope you are all well and keeping safe.'

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**.

