

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry**  
**Week commencing Sunday November 14th 2021, Remembrance Sunday**

*They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore. Micah 4 v 3*

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**Covid safety measures:** We still encourage the use of face coverings in church and will also maintain 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 one of Remembrance at 10.00 am, followed by a parade to the village War Memorial for a brief act of Remembrance and wreath laying.**

**Weekday services this week are at:**

**10 am, Tuesday 16th November, Traditional Language Eucharist at SS Matthias & George.**

**10 am, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.**

**Sunday 21st November, 10.30 am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank.**

**6.30 pm 'Christ the King Benefice' Choral Evening Prayer at St John the Baptist Church, Feckenham.**

**Please note - additional online services.**

- Accompany Fr Glenn as he streams Sunday Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm on our Facebook page.
- Mthr Victoria offers Compline on *Thursdays* at 9pm. Just press ctrl+ and click on the following link <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.barlow.750>

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

We pray for the soul of Nesta Pearman, 91, recently departed and hold her 4 children, grand and great-grandchildren in our prayers.

**Children's Society collection boxes:** Please contact Pauline Jones on 892650 if you would like a collection box for your pennies and other loose change.

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)

**The new pattern of services at SS Matthias & George**  
*1st Sunday in month 4pm Common Holy Communion*  
*2nd Sunday 4pm Common Holy Communion*  
*3rd Sunday 10.30am Common Holy Communion*  
*4th Sunday 4pm Informal Holy Communion*  
We hope the whole worshipping community will be able to support this new pattern of worship.

**Today's Remembrance Service:** There will selected representatives from youth organisations at the service which will last for about half an hour. The usual parade will then form up before marching to the village War Memorial for a brief act of Remembrance and the laying of wreaths. Because of Covid safety measures there will be no tea or coffee served when the parade returns to the church. ***There will be room for our congregation to attend the service, though you may wish instead to follow the live streaming of the service on our Facebook page and then perhaps make your way to the memorial.***

**Feast of 'Christ the King' 21<sup>st</sup> November:** To celebrate the feast of Christ the King, our Benefice patron, there will be choral Evening Prayer at Feckenham Parish Church at 6.30 pm. Hopefully there will be several people from this congregation wishing to attend, and if you need transport please ring Glenn. A number of cars will be available so do please come forward if you need a lift. As Feckenham is the latest church to join our benefice it will be fitting to welcome them into the group at this service.

**Dates for the diary: 12<sup>th</sup> December, Toy service at the Bridge Church.** All are invited to a Toy Service at the Bridge Church on December 12<sup>th</sup> with the toys collected going to Redditch Homestart. Toys are being collected across the Benefice and we are looking for unwrapped new toys for babies and children up to 15/16 year olds. Please contact Richard Porteous to arrange collection if you'd like to donate a toy or two (see phone/email details at the bottom of the left column). Small hampers of 'nice Christmas things' i.e. chocolate bars/coins, small Xmas puddings, crackers, dates, figs etc. are also being prepared for distribution. Please put any such gifts in the food box at the rear of the church.

**Christingle packs:** Mtr Victoria is looking for volunteers to help make up 170 Christingle packs to be distributed to Astwood Bank Junior school pupils. The packs will have all the necessary items for the children to make up the Christingles themselves including an informative instruction sheet. Tea and biscuits will be provided for the pack maker uppers! A date for the session will be posted soon!

