

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry
Week commencing Sunday November 21st 2021, 'Feast of Christ the King'

*Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
John 18 v37*

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Covid safety measures: We still encourage the use of face coverings in church and maintain social distancing as a precaution. The congregation will be able to sing with face coverings in place, but there is no need to book places in church or to record attendance.

Today's service is a Common Holy Communion at 10.30 am. There is also a Benefice choral Evening Prayer at Feckenham Parish Church at 6.30 pm. See article in next column.

Weekday services this week are at:

10 am, Tuesday 23rd November, Traditional

Language Eucharist at SS Matthias & George.

10 am, Thursday 25th, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.

Sunday 28th November, 4 pm Informal Holy Communion at Astwood Bank.

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

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
Log onto our website for more information at 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.

Feast of 'Christ the King' Today 21st November:

To celebrate the feast of Christ the King, our Benefice patron, there will be choral Evening Prayer at Feckenham Parish Church tonight 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. Afterwards Father Glenn has suggested that those who want to can meet in the Rose & Crown for fellowship. (I think he means for a drink and a chat!)

Toy service: All are invited to a Toy Service at the Bridge Church on December 12th 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: Volunteers are being sought to help Mthr. Victoria make up 170 Christingle packs for distribution at Astwood Bank School. Each pack 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 at **10 am on Wednesday 8th December** for the pack makers. Please help if you can, thanks.

Faith Conversations: Explore faith with Mthr Victoria, and share in tea and cake at the Bridge Church 9.30 – 10.30 Friday mornings. A simple series of conversations exploring the essence of our faith over a six week period together. Ideal for those hoping to be baptised/confirmed, but also for anyone who loves talking, sharing and exploring the beautiful truths we share together as Christians. All welcome, please let Mthr Victoria know if you fancy coming.

