

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry
Week commencing Sunday November 7th 2021, 3rd before Advent

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Hebrews 9 v 24

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Covid safety measures: We still encourage the use of face coverings in church and 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 a Eucharist at 4.00 pm.

Weekday services this week are at:

10 am, Tuesday 9th November, Traditional Language Eucharist at SS Matthias & George.

10 am, Thursday 11th, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.

Sunday 14th November. The service for Remembrance Sunday has yet to be decided, but there will be a parade from church to the Memorial with an act of worship there at 11am.

Please note - additional online services.

- Accompany Fr Glenn as he streams Sunday Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm on our Facebook page.

- *Mthr Victoria continues 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.

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**.*

Food for thought. Churches with 20 or fewer active members make up 45% of our churches.

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: The new pattern of services at SS Matthias & George is:

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

The Informal Holy Communion 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. 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.

Remembrance Day November 11th: You may wish to read this prayer at 11 am on November 11th. I saw it in Wells Cathedral earlier this week.

'Almighty God, hold for ever all who have suffered and died in warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, those who returned wounded and disillusioned, whose stories were untold, whose minds were darkened and disturbed by memories of war, who suffered in silence, and whose bodies were disfigured by injury or pain, those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.

Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who, in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.

And as we remember, may we continue to work and pray for peace in our world today. Amen'

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