

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of “Christ the King” team ministry**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Second Sunday of Epiphany**

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12 v 4-6*

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**Covid safety measures: Due to the current Covid ‘Omicron’ mutation, we strongly encourage the use of face coverings in church, and also maintain social distancing as precautions. These precautions will also be applied at funerals & baptisms. The congregation will be able to sing with face coverings in place.**

**Today’s Service is a Eucharist at 10.30 am**

**Weekday services this week are at:**

**10am, Tuesday 18th January, Traditional Language Eucharist service at SS Matthias & George**

**10 am, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Peter’s, Crabbs Cross.**

**4 pm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Informal Eucharist 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, Christopher, Arthur Hind

We pray for the souls of **Margaret Andrew** and **Brian Richards** recently departed, and hold their children and grandchildren in our prayers at this difficult time.

**Brian’s** funeral will take place in church at 10 am on January 28<sup>th</sup> whilst **Margaret’s** will take place at 11.30am on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> also here in church, with her committal at 12.30pm at Redditch Crematorium.

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)

**The monthly pattern of services at SS Matthias & George is as follows.**

*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*

**Chutney!** Ann Robinson’s still has some jars of jams and chutneys which she has recently made for sale. Please see Ann after morning service or ring her on 01527 893214. All proceeds will go to church funds.

**Flowers.** It’s worth mentioning again that the recent Christmas flower baskets and window sill displays were wonderful. The beautifully decorated tree, in its central position (so much better), was also particularly lovely. All that’s left to do is to thank Rhonda, Brenda and Ann Pine for all their work in making our church look its beautiful best.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have someone you wish to be prayed for, please contact Pauline Jones on 892650 who will then contact other members of the Prayer Group.

*The miracle at the wedding at Cana, apart from it being his first, is interesting since it’s not one of Jesus’ healing miracles, nor is it a miracle which welcomes an isolated person back into society like the woman who haemorrhages, the lepers or the epileptics who were all shunned by society; nor does it seem to have a moral agenda like the healing of the ten lepers with its reminder to say thank you to those who help us. Moreover, it could be argued that the guests are rather greedy and have cleared out the bar or possibly the host was rather stingy and had not provided enough wine. So what was its point? I’m sure we’ll find out soon.*

**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.

**Last call for Stamps!** Pam Emery is collecting stamps for The Alex, League of Friends. Please put any you may have in the box at the back of the church or in an envelope through Pam’s letterbox.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January.** This coming week!



