

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry
Sunday 12th June, Trinity Sunday.

Jesus said, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth;..... He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” John 16 v 13 -15 (abridged)

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Nb Wearing of face coverings is now voluntary in all churches in the benefice. Precautions will still be undertaken by the presider at communion which will continue to be offered in one kind until further notice.

Today’s service is Holy Communion at 4.00 pm

Weekday services this week are at:

-10am, Tuesday June 14th Traditional Language Eucharist at Ss Matthias & George, Astwood Bank.

-10 am, Thursday 16th, Mass at St. Peter’s, Crabbs Cross.

-Next Sunday 10.30 am, June 12th Holy Communion at Astwood Bank

Additional online services.

-- Accompany Fr Glenn as he streams Sunday Evening Prayer on our Facebook page. ***This service is uploaded on line from 3pm each Sunday, but should you wish to join in the feel of a communal service, then we suggest you watch and listen with others at 6pm.***

- Mthr Victoria offers live Compline on **Thursdays**; just press Ctrl + Click on the following link which will take you straight to the Facebook page
<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, Colin, Steven, Christopher, Arthur, Michelle Bonner

We pray for the soul of **Canon David Salt** recently departed and hold his family and friends in our prayers. We give thanks for his service as priest, Rural Dean and the support he gave this congregation during the last interregnum.

We also pray for the soul of **Gareth Jones**, recently departed, and hold his family and friends in our prayers.

Foodbank: Any food or toiletry donations to be given to families supported by Redditch Homestart, should be placed in the blue box at the rear of 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

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

The Trinity: If like me you struggle at times with the idea of the Trinity perhaps this article from Encyclopaedia Britannica will help you. ‘Trinity, in Christian doctrine, means the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead. The doctrine of the Trinity is considered to be one of the central Christian affirmations about God. It is rooted in the fact that God came to meet Christians in a threefold figure: (1) as Creator, Lord of the history of salvation, Father, and Judge, as revealed in the Old Testament; (2) as the Lord who, in the incarnated figure of Jesus Christ, lived among human beings and was present in their midst as the “Resurrected One”; and (3) as the Holy Spirit, whom they experienced as the helper or intercessor in the power of the new life. Neither the word “Trinity” nor the explicit doctrine appears in the New Testament, nor did Jesus and his followers intend to contradict the Shema in the Hebrew Scriptures: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord” (Deuteronomy 6:4). The earliest Christians, however, had to cope with the implications of the coming of Jesus Christ and of the presumed presence and power of God among them—i.e., the Holy Spirit, whose coming was connected with the celebration of Pentecost. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were associated in such New Testament passages as the Great Commission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19); and in the apostolic benediction: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:13). Thus, the New Testament established the basis for the doctrine of the Trinity.’

Thank you Irene: A very enjoyable bring and share lunch was enjoyed last Sunday in the church hall, in celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee which included a loyal toast in champagne. Thanks go to Irene for the idea and organisation, ably assisted by Ian

