

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry
Sunday 17th April 2022, Easter Sunday.

Jesus Christ is risen, hallelujah: He is risen indeed, hallelujah

Peter said “Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” Acts 10 v42-43

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Covid safety measures: We are still encouraging the use of face coverings in church and also maintaining social distancing as Covid precautions

Today’s service is Holy Communion at 4.00 pm with distribution of palms.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Thursday 14th April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Eucharist at S Peter’s Crabbs Cross
Friday 15th April	Good Friday	Good Friday Liturgy 3pm at Astwood Bank
Saturday 16th April	Holy Saturday	Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter 7.30 pm S John the Baptist, Feckenham
Sunday 17th April	Easter Day	Eucharist 10.30am Ss Matthias & George

Next Sunday’s service, April 24th will be an Informal Holy Communion at 4pm.

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 will **not** be offering live Compline on **Maundy Thursday**. Just press ctrl plus click on the following link which will take you to the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.barlow.750>

Please note: *There will be no weekday services in the Benefice next week as Fr Glenn and Mthr Victoria hope to spend a quiet week with their families.*

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 Hind.

The monthly pattern of services 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*



Church Flowers: Thanks go to Rhonda and her floral team for their beautiful decoration of the church and to all those who contributed foliage and donations towards this.

Do you fancy ‘Open the Book’? –

Please let Mthr Victoria or Fiona Carter know if you’d like to be part of an ‘Open the Book’ group, initially to work in Astwood Bank School.

Coffee Stop Please see Mthr Victoria if you’re prepared to sign up for the ‘Coffee stop’ starting on **May 4th between 1.30 pm and 3pm** There are lots of jobs available so the more help the merrier.

HOLY WEEK IS... HOLY ... ‘Please see the adjacent note about service times. Please try to make time and space to come together across the churches to pray and worship together through the journey of holy week. Someone once said to me if they met someone with no faith who had never been to church “I would take them to the midnight communion at Christmas, and the holy week and Easter Day services, they would learn all they ever needed to know about our faith and fall in love with it ... but most of all, she said... the Easter Vigil”. Please, please make space to come together this year to walk the way of the week together. Easter is not Easter if you haven’t travelled the cross to get there. And... The Easter Eve Service, the Easter Vigil – it is the **FIRST** Proclamation of Easter – the light into darkness. There is candles, a big fire, singing, rejoicing, scripture, the First Communion with our Risen Lord... and unbounded joy... there is nothing like it in all our Christian Calendar. Do, if you possibly can, come and be part of it. Without you, there is a gap in Eastertide.’ *Mthr Victoria.*

A Prayer for Easter: God of Glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new

Foodbank: On Easter Day many of us will tuck into those foody treats that we have forgone during Lent (*Oh, I'm so looking forward to a packet of Cheese and Onion crisps- any crisps, and a BIG packet- Oh, and some cheese!*). But for many people they haven't forgone any treats simply because they can't afford them in the first place due to the hike in energy costs and the increase in the general cost of living. If you are able to bring in a few 'treats' that can be given to Redditch Homestart families, then I know they will be very grateful. Please put them in the blue boxes at the rear of the church. Thank you.

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

day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen © Archbishops' Council of the Church of England

A Prayer for Ukraine: The war in Ukraine will undoubtedly not recognise Easter, so let us pray to the Risen Lord and ask for his help, guidance and compassion.

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

