

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of "Christ the King" team ministry
Sunday 1st May, 3rd Sunday of Easter.

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

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go, for he (Saul) is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." Acts 9 v15-16

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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.

Weekday services this week are at:

-10am, Tuesday May 3rd Traditional Language Eucharist at Ss Matthias & George, Astwood Bank.

-10 am, Thursday 5th, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.

-Next Sunday 4pm, May 1st, 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 will be offering live Compline on **Thursdays**, Just press ctrl plus click on the following link which will take you 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 Hind.

Foodbank: Any food or toiletry donations to be given to families supported by Redditch Homestart will be most gratefully received, and should be placed in the blue box at the rear of church.

EASTER... CONTINUES... ALLELUIA! Easter is a fifty day season, continuing right up until Pentecost and including the feast of the Ascension. Please keep the Joy of the Risen Lord in your hearts and prayers, and keep the feast! Do continue to pray for each other, and celebrate ALLELUIA!

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 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

A Prayer for Ukraine: As the war in Ukraine intensifies, let us pray to the Risen Lord and ask for his help, guidance and compassion. *God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace*

Do you fancy 'Open the Book'? – Fancy being part of an 'Open the Book' group, initially working in Astwood Bank School? If so please let Mthr Victoria or Fiona Carter know.

Coffee Stop The opening of the monthly (initially) **Coffee Stop** has been put back whilst awaiting the results of a charitable grant application. Do have a word with Mthr Victoria if you can help in any way.

Concert with Mthr v & Oakville 7pm 14th May. The Choir Mthr V accompanies, 'Oakville', and in which Judith and Sebastian Grubb and Hannah Barlow sing, will be holding a concert at the Bridge on Saturday 14th May at 7pm, partly to celebrate the 'end' of Mthr V's curacy, now she has been signed off, and also the time spent here in Redditch. Come and experience an evening of gentle smiles, a little singing for you all, lots of wonderful secular and sacred choral music to listen to, and tea and cake! Donations welcome, but no entry charge and all are welcome, including your friends – do spread the word. **Please see the flier below.**

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting this year will take place after the morning service on Sunday 15th May. At that meeting a new PCC will need to be elected, and application forms for those wishing to stand will be available this Sunday. It is hoped that as many members of the congregation as possible will attend.

Oakville
Singers



'OAKVILLE' IN CONCERT



The Bridge Church Redditch

SATURDAY 14TH MAY

7PM – 9PM

SUMMER CONCERT, SACRED &
POPULAR MUSIC

Free admission, donations welcome

Refreshments

Director of Music: Ivan Oliver

Accompanist: Mthr Victoria

Music to include:

Bring Him Home from *Les Miserables*, *Anthem*
from *Chess*, *Fields of Gold* and works by John
Rutter, Graystone Ives, Schubert, Gary Barlow,
Philip Stopford and others