

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry
Sunday 15th May, 5th Sunday of Easter. Patronal Festival of St Matthias

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

Jesus said, “This my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” John 15 v 9-17

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Nb Following a review, using face coverings is now voluntary in all churches in the benefice. The presider at communion will continue to wear one for administration and to use hand sanitiser and cover the bread to keep everyone as safe as possible. Communion will continue to be offered in only one kind until infections fall further and a second review is undertaken. If you have any questions or would like to explore this further, please ask the clergy.

Today’s service is Holy Communion at 10.30 am followed by the Annual Church Meeting

Weekday services this week are at:

-10am, Tuesday May 17th Traditional Language Eucharist at Ss Matthias & George, Astwood Bank.

-10 am, Thursday 19th, Mass at St. Peter’s, Crabbs Cross.

-Next Sunday 4pm, May 22nd, Informal 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.

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 World Peace: Father, even when things seem hopeless, we know that through You we are never without hope. We beg your intervention for a world on the constant brink of war. Beat the swords into ploughshares and cause the lion to lie down with the lamb. Intervene in this world that we might avoid the horrors of war and let peace rule in our lands. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Coffee Stop The opening of the monthly **Coffee Stop** will start this coming **Wednesday 18th May**, and will run every third Wednesday in the month, but not in August. There is a sign-up sheet at the rear of the church for people to sign if they can help, and if you can please have a word with Mthr V.

Concert with Mthr v & Oakville 7pm 14th May. If you read this before Saturday May 14th then the choir Mthr V accompanies, ‘Oakville’, will be holding a concert at the Bridge on **Saturday 14th May at 7pm.**

Easter... continues right up until Pentecost, including the Ascension, Alleluia!

Date for your diary: There will be an **Ascension Day Benefice Holy Communion** at 7.30 pm on Thursday 26th May.

St Matthias: Saturday, 14th May is the feast day of St Matthias, one of our church patrons. After Judas Iscariot had betrayed Jesus, the other eleven apostles decided to make their number up to twelve again. There were two candidates: a pious, just man named Joseph Barsaba, and Matthias. Jesus’ followers gathered together, prayed, and then drew lots to choose the new apostle. The lot fell on Matthias. Whilst we know little about Matthias’ ministry we know for certain that, as St Paul puts it, ‘he was one of the men who accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us’ Matthias, says Peter, was ‘a witness to Christ’s resurrection.

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting is today after the morning service!! At the meeting a new PCC will need to be elected, and application forms for those wishing to stand are be available at the rear of the church. It is hoped that as many members of the congregation as possible will be able to attend this important meeting