

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of “Christ the King” team ministry**  
**Sunday 8th May, 4th Sunday of Easter.**

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

*They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7 v 16 - 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 sanitizer 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 4.00 pm.**

*Weekday services this week are at:*

*-10am, Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> Traditional Language Eucharist at Ss Matthias & George, Astwood Bank.*

*-10 am, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.*

*-Next Sunday 10.30 am, May 15th, 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](mailto: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

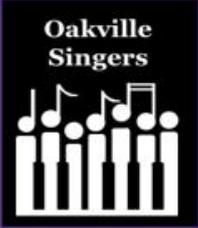
**Do you fancy ‘Open the Book’?** – Fancy being part of an ‘Open the Book’ group, initially working in Astwood Bank School? If so please let Mthr Victoria or Fiona Carter know.

**Coffee Stop** The opening of the monthly **Coffee Stop** will start on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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. She writes that ‘the Diocese has approved and granted our request for a grant for this mission endeavour, so we should have some lovely new things to bless our community with when they come. John Preston the Diocesan Secretary and Nikki Groake, our archdeacon, also said they were very impressed by our vision and initiative. How lovely to have people supporting us, and praying for us as we explore this project together. Thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm – it has been so uplifting’

**Concert with Mthr v & Oakville 7pm 14th May.** The Choir Mthr V accompanies, ‘Oakville’, and in which Hannah Barlow also sings, will be holding a concert at the Bridge this coming **Saturday 14th May at 7pm**, – please do spread the word. **See the flier below.**

**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!

**Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting this year will take place after the morning service **next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 this important meeting



**‘OAKVILLE’  
IN  
CONCERT**

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The Bridge Church Redditch  
**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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