

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of “Christ the King” team ministry**  
**Sunday 17th July, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him. Colossians 1 v 1-2*

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**Receiving from the Common Chalice:** The chalice is again being offered at Communion Services. Please come and receive the chalice if you wish to, but equally please feel free to continue receiving just the wafer/bread if you feel more comfortable with that. It is still absolutely a full communion.

**Today's service is Holy Communion at 10-.30 am**

*Weekday services this week are at:*

*-10am, Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> Traditional Language Eucharist at Ss Matthias & George, Astwood Bank.*

*-10 am, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.*

*-Next Sunday 4.00 pm, July 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at Astwood Bank.*

**Additional online services.**

- Accompany Fr Glenn as he streams **Sunday Evening Prayer** on our Facebook page. This will be uploaded on line from 3pm, 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:** Alex, Jean, Margaret Emms, Marion, Alexei, Dora, Margaret Savage, Carol, Carla, Carole, Tim, Jon & Naomi, Steven, Christopher, Arthur, Michelle Bonner

**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. Many thanks.

**A prayer notice board** at the rear of the church is available for prayer requests. Please write on it requests for those who are sick or who need our prayer support for any reason.

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 at Ss Matthias & George is as follows.**

*1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (and occasional 5<sup>th</sup>) Sunday 4.00 pm, Common Holy Communion; 3rd Sunday 10.30am, Common Holy Communion*

**Astwood Bank Carnival:** Last Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> was carnival day. There was a church marquee where many people stopped to chat, play and pray - and eat cake. Thank you to everyone from all Four Churches who helped.

**Baptism Matters:** A follow-up meeting to the one held in June is planned for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm in the Bridge Hall. Mthr V says “If you were not at the last meeting you are very welcome to come along and join this time, it is really inspiring exploring how we love better and grow together as a church family.”

**Mthr Victoria:** ‘The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd. Victoria Barlow as Team Vicar in the Halas Team Ministry. Mthr Victoria will have responsibility for the parishes of St Peter, Cradley and St Margaret of Antioch, Hasbury. A date for the Licensing will be confirmed shortly. Please remember Mthr Victoria and Christopher and their family in your prayers at they prepare to move.’ ....and a note from Mthr V **‘It has been such a delight and gift to serve here amongst you all in Redditch, and to share together as we have travelled an extraordinary three years, almost to the day. Thank you for your kindness, your generosity, and your wonderful good humour, and most of all for praying, loving and serving alongside me. There are so many happy memories to take with us, and we shall always have a place in our prayers for you all. My last Holy Communion in the Benefice will be July 31<sup>st</sup> – at the Bridge Church at 10.30. Everyone is very very welcome. It would be such a joy to pray together with you all.’** Next week, Mthr V is off on holiday, so if you don't see her it is not that she has prematurely disappeared!

**St Swithin's day:** In popular belief, if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, it will rain for 40 days, but if it is fair, 40 days of fair weather will follow. St. Swithin was bishop of Winchester from 852 to 862. At his request he was buried in the churchyard, where he hoped rain and the steps of passersby might fall on his grave. According to legend, after his body was moved inside the cathedral on July 15, 971, a great storm ensued. *Well, since July 15<sup>th</sup> this year was a real scorcher it looks as though were in for 40 days of good weather. Mmm, time will tell!*

