

St Matthias & St George Parish Church.
A member of “Christ the King” team ministry
Sunday 10th July, 4th Sunday after Trinity.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1 v 13 -14

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Receiving from the Common Chalice: The common 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 4.00 pm

Weekday services this week are at:

-10am, Tuesday July 12th Traditional Language Eucharist at Ss Matthias & George, Astwood Bank.
-10 am, Thursday 14th, Mass at St. Peter’s, Crabbs Cross.
-Next Sunday 10.30 am, July 17th 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

The monthly pattern of services at Ss Matthias & George is as follows.

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

Astwood Bank Carnival: If you’re reading this before Saturday July 9th then hopefully you’ll be aware that Saturday is Carnival Day. Do visit the church tent and bring along some cake(s) if you can. The weather’s going to be fine – so enjoy!

Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees: If you are aware of any Ukrainian Refugees being hosted by people in Redditch and surrounding villages, please ensure that the hosts are aware of the weekly meetings for Ukrainian refugees held at Redi Centre, 54 South Street, Redditch B98 7DQ on Tuesday mornings from 9am - 2pm. Please let Linda Fleming know at linda.fleming@btinternet.com if new people are coming or if they need a lift.

Mthr Victoria writes to say that following the **Baptism Matters** meeting recently held in June at the Bridge Hall and which was enjoyed so much by all present, a follow-up meeting is planned for July 27th at 3.30pm. Mthr V says “If you were not at the last meeting you are very welcome to come along and join this time, it is a really inspiring exploring about how we love better and grow together as a church family.”

Tomorrow July 11th is World Population Day (WPD): WPD seeks to draw attention to issues related to a growing global population. According to the United States Census Bureau, the world’s population as of June 2019 was over 7.5 billion people. The world’s population is increasing with birth rates and life expectancy on the rise. Over the last century, between 1916 and 2012, **global life expectancy more than doubled from 34 to 70 years.** The world population quintupled from 1.5 billion to 7.3 billion between 1900 and 2016. The United Nations established WPD in 1989 to garner attention for population issues and crises. With an ever-growing world population, WPD serves to highlight the challenges and opportunities of this growth and its impact on planet sustainability, availability of health care, and youth empowerment. This day is observed annually on July 11th and our prayers are needed to find acceptable ways to resolve a growing issue which over time will become even more challenging.

