

**St Matthias & St George Parish Church.**  
**A member of "Christ the King" team ministry**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.**

*"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened" Luke 11 v 9-10.*

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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.

**Today's service is Holy Communion at 4.00 pm**

*Weekday services this week are at:*  
-10am, Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> Traditional Language Eucharist at Ss Matthias & George, Astwood Bank.  
-10 am, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, Mass at St. Peter's, Crabbs Cross.

**-Next Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, There will be no service at Astwood Bank church; instead there will be a Benefice wide service at 10.30 am at the Bridge Church, Headless Cross to bid Mthr Victoria God's speed as she takes up her new role in the Halas Team Ministry. (See details in next column)**

**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. *Thank you to those who have recently donated, your generosity is appreciated.*

**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.

**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*

**Baptism Matters:** A follow-up meeting to the one held in June is planned for July 27th 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 as 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 31st – at the Bridge Church at 10.30. Everyone is very, very welcome. It would be such a joy to pray together with you all.'***



The Licensing of Mthr Victoria as Team Vicar in the Halas Team Ministry will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 3.00 pm at St Margaret of Antioch Church, Hagley Road, Hasbury, B63 4QD. If you wish to go along and support Mthr V on the next step of her ministry, then please let her know soon so that seating arrangements can be planned. *(I understand the eating of cake may also be involved!)*

**Coffee Shop:** The monthly 'Coffee Shop' had some additional customers on Wednesday and hopefully this will continue to grow when it resumes in September. Please speak to Fr Glenn should you wish to become involved

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)

