

ENTERTAINMENT TO MAKE YOU THINK

In3d "Finding Hope Beneath The Service"

Paul Douglas, Alison Douglas & Danny Villarreal will be bringing a blend of folk, blues, jazz, improvisation and spiritual songs enhanced by multimedia at 7.00pm on Saturday 12th May in the Huband Room at Ipsley church. Tickets £5 (£2.50 for under 16's) to include drinks. Fairtrade refreshments also on sale Proceeds to Christian Aid Tickets available from the church office 516351

Pilgrims Progress

In 1662, two thousand ministers (including John Bunyan) left their positions in the Church of England, refusing to follow the Book of Common Prayer in their services. Three hundred and fifty years on from the 'Great Ejection' (as this became known) Saltmine is delighted to be performing Bunyan's classic tale of a man who refuses to be satisfied with existence in this world **but** prefers to seek salvation and spiritual fulfilment in the Heavenly Realms.

Saltmine's aim is to provide your congregation with a show they can invite non-Christian friends and family to, whilst also serving as an inspiration for anyone on the challenging Christian journey. ***The Pilgrim's Progress*** will be performed at the **Palace Theatre, Redditch** on **Monday 14th May at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £10, and concessions and groups (10 or more) are £9. Tickets can be booked by calling **01527 65230**. They can also be booked online at www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk.

An Audience With Jonathon Viera

On Friday 18th May Jonathan Viera will be appearing at the Palace Theatre. During the evening he will sing a range of music and share his story. Jonathan has appeared at a wide range of events, both Christian and secular. It would be great to make this event a sell out! Book your tickets through the Palace Theatre booking office.

PRAYER

Please pray for:-

- ★ Gary & April, Garth & Jenny, Richard & Wendy & their families.
- ★ Homeless.
- ★ Those known to us who are suffering ill health.
- ★ Those worried about paying heating or other bills
- ★ Our personal discipleship.
- ★ JUMP as they prepare for the Cafe service on 22nd April.
- ★ The Big Lunch Jubilee Celebration
- ★ Alpha Course beginning Thursday 19th April
- ★ A peaceful and fair solution to the fuel crisis.

....and finally exciting web news - the new parish website is now live!
Check it out at www.ipsley.org



St. John's Church
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Sunday 8 April, 2012
Easter Day

Welcome to St John's. A special welcome to all visitors.

CELEBRATE ST JOHN'S' 4-6 May 2012

We are looking forward to seeing you on the first weekend of May at our special weekend with Martin Cavender; we are so pleased that Martin was able to fit us in for this time. Could you please indicate if you are coming as soon as you can, or at least by the 8th April, as we do need to know numbers. We are looking forward to a great time of teaching, fellowship and just enjoying each other's company as a family! If you need a programme/booking form, they will be on the foyer table.

Church Council 2012/13

At our recent AGM the following are serving alongside Gary on the church council:- Lynda Adams, Andy Bevington(PCC), Allison Davies (PCC & Deanery Synod), Sharon Forrest, Maureen Hughes (PCC & Deanery Synod), Annette Humphrey (PCC), Barry Humphrey (PCC), Marilyn McGinley, April Noyes, Vicky Quarton(PCC), Ron Skelton, Chris Tennant (PCC). Dawn Wilson will continue as Secretary. Barry Humphrey and Chris Tennant were re-elected as Churchwardens. If you have any concerns about church life, please speak to one of the above.

Pastor's Piece

HAPPY EASTER to all in St John's!

It's great to be able to say that, and to grow in our understanding of what it really means; God makes all things new through the resurrection of his Son, and he has completely overcome the old order of sin and death. He has broken the chains that bound us, and has filled his Church with hope, direction and vision, because Easter changes everything! Alister McGrath puts it well: 'The resurrection declares God's total victory over all evil and oppressive forces...death, evil and sin. Their backbone has been broken, and we may begin to live now in the light of that victory, knowing that the long night of their oppression will end.'

Every blessing,
Gary and April



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Church News

Congratulations

Gordon & Jean, who joined us recently, will be getting married at St John's on Saturday 28th April @ 2.30pm. They would love anyone from their new church family to join them. Following the ceremony there will be a reception. Please be sensitive to the fact that the reception will be primarily for invited guests, and pray for Jean & Gordon as they begin their new life together.

Jubilee Celebrations On Sunday 3rd June (Spring Bank Holiday week) there will be a parish celebration service (and lunch) from 10.30am in the Ipsley Rectory garden if the weather is fine, otherwise at Christ Church. The day will end at 5.00pm. Sign up with Lynda or Sharon if you plan to attend.

Prayer Partner Lunch

All children and prayer partners should have received an invitation to our prayer partner event on Sunday 15th July after the morning service. Please can they let the children's leaders know if they will be there so we can check that prayer partners and their children will both be there on the day. If you can't make it we would like to encourage you to make another date to get together in the summer.

Training

Liturgy - the work of the people of God?

Exploring the issue of participation in worship and the role of specific ministries. Led by Rev. Dr Andy Lyons on Wednesday 18th April @ 7.30pm in the church Hall Tardebigge

Evangelism

Bromsgrove Deanery Day – Saturday 28th April 2012 Sharing our Faith led by the Diocesan Advisor on Evangelism the Rev'd David Sherwin at Christ Church, Matchborough

Do you find it hard to share your faith with other people?

Are you stuck for words when trying to explain

Christian ideas in our secular society?

Then come to a morning (10:00 – 12:30) and/ or afternoon session (1:30 – 4:00) You can also come for a session or the whole day so we can learn and share ideas with others. Bring your own lunch.....Tea and coffee provided **Book now! Booking is essential Contact:** 01527-831575 rosemary.sumner723@btinternet.com or, stating all day/morning/afternoon sessions.

Today - Easter Day

10.30am Family Communion with Vicki Quarton & Pastor Gary Noyes

6.30pm Easter Praise with Pastor Gary Noyes

Next Sunday - Low Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton

6.30pm Evening Worship with Rob Quarton.

Luke 24:1-12

St. John's Diary

Mon 16 Apr 7.45pm Standing Committee @ The Vicarage.

Wed 18 Apr 7.30pm The Liturgy & The People - Church Hall Tardebigge.

Sun 22 Apr 6.30pm Cafe Style Youth Service in the hall.

Mon 23 Apr 7.45pm Woodrow Team Meeting in the Upper Room.

Tue 24 Apr Gary Deprived Communities Meeting @ The Old Palace

Thur 26 Apr 7.45pm PCC AGM @ St John's

Sat 28 Apr 10.00am Sharing Our Faith session 1 @ Ch Ch (Until 12.30pm

1.30pm Sharing Our Faith session 2 @ ChCh (Until 4.00pm)

2.30pm Wedding of Gordon & Jean @ St John's

Sun 29 Apr 4.00pm Thanksgiving for Harley Daly @ St. John's

Mon 30 Apr 7.45pm DCC @ St. John's.

Fri 4 - Sun 6 May 'Celebrate St John's Weekend' with Martin Cavender

Sat 12 May 7.00pm in3d Christian Aid concert @ Huband Room, Tickets required

Sun 13 May Start of Christian Aid Week

Mon 14 May 7.30pm Parish Prayers @ St Peter's

Pilgrims Progress @ Palace Theatre Tickets £10

Fri 18 May An Audience with Jonathan Viera @ Palace Tickets £12

Wed 23 May 7.45pm Open Meeting for SPICE.

Thur 24 May Churchwardens Admission to office @ Halesowen.

Sun 3 June 10.30am Parish Service followed by The Big Lunch @ Ipsley Rectory

Sun 8 July 12 noonish Proposed Picnic to Warwick Park.

Sun 15 July 12 noonish Children & Prayer Partners Lunch in the Hall

Fri 14 - Sun 16 Sept Warm Prayer Weekend - BOOK ASAP!

