

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. Tickets £12.

## St. John's Diary

Fri 4 - Sun 6 May	with Martin Cavender
Tue 8 May	Archdeacons Visitation @ The Ark Alvechurch
Wed 9 May	Clergy Chapter 12-2pm
Sat 12 May 7.00pm	in3d Christian Aid concert @ Huband Room, Tickets req
Sun 13 May	Start of Christian Aid Week
Mon 14 May 7.30pm	Parish Prayers @ St Peter's Allison Davies @Bishop's Advisory Panel Pilgrims Progress @ Palace Theatre Tickets £10
Fri 18 May	An Audience with Jonathan Viera @ Palace Theatre
Sat 19 May	Rosie Humphrey @ LLM Selection
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.



**St. John's Church**  
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Sunday 29th April, 2012

Easter 4

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

### CELEBRATE ST JOHN'S' 4-6 May 2012

Saturday of the weekend at home 7:00 - 8:00pm ish we are having a **St John's have Got Talent** evening. We need people to share their talents. or lack of them, for an evening of fun and friendship. 2-3 minutes of whatever you do - please see Andy or Dot and start practising. Music, poetry, sketches etc - we need to know in advance what you are doing and roughly how long it will take. If you would like to do something but don't know what, mention your name and we can put you in touch with others happy to do something too - and give you some suggestions!

*Congratulations to Gordon & Jean Fry, married at St. John's yesterday, by Revd. Andrew Fisher.*



### Pastor's Piece

It was a delight to host the wedding of Gordon and Jean yesterday; they are very appreciative of the welcome that they have received here at St John's, and we wish them well for their future together as they embark on their new life. We thank God that we can be the sort of church that extends a warm and loving welcome to all who God sends our way.

We are planning an Open Evening for SPICE on 23<sup>rd</sup> May here in church; this promises to be a good and informative time, with input from various people who have an interest in this type of ministry to the community. Make it a date for your diary!

(See St John's Diary)

Jesus said: 'I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep..' (John 10)

Every blessing,  
Gary



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## **Spice**

Now open! Coffee Drop In at What's Your Point, Bryant Place, Bengrove Close, Woodrow. It is open 12.30pm - 2.30 pm on Thursdays and you can drop in for a "cuppa a nibble and a natter" - very reasonable prices. It is run by the community for the community and as part of the community it would be lovely if church people popped in occasionally and got to know some of the locals. Ann D and Dot will be there. This is very much at the heart of SPICE - making relationships and building up trust - being Jesus with local people. This is a new initiative run by What's Your Point and we have been supporting it all along.

### **SPICE Open Evening**

....with Gary, Dot, Professor Michael Taylor, Revd. John Paxton (Diocesan Social Responsibility Officer) and others. Come and find out more about SPICE, and St John's involvement with the community.

## **Church News**

We are now able to confirm that the Revd. Richard Bubbers will be joining the parish as curate in July 2012. Richard will be ordained deacon in Worcester Cathedral on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10.30am  
Hazel Charlton will be ordained deacon at the same service.

### **Youthalpha**

Week 2 in Pathfinders this Sunday - please pray for the children as we challenge them to consider if Christianity is boring, untrue and irrelevant.

### **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 ***Ipsley Middle School***. (*Please note this change of alternative venue!*) 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.

### **Today - Easter 4**

10.30am Morning Worship led by Vicki Quarton  
Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking  
April Noyes will read Acts 4:1-12 and John 10:11-18  
4.00pm Thanksgiving for Harley Daly @ St. John's  
6.30am Evening Worship with Pastor Gary Noyes.  
Exodus 16:4-15 and Revelation 2:12-17

### **Events this week**

Mon	30 Apr	1.30pm	Short Mat Bowls in the Hall
		7.45pm	Woodrow Team Meeting in the Upper Room.
Tue	1 May	10.00am	Morning Fellowship @ 49 Oakenshaw Road
		10.00am	Parents & Toddlers in the Church Hall
		10.00am	Open The Book @ Tenacres School
		7.45pm	Home Group at The Vicarage, 29 Sheldon Road
Wed	2 May	9.00am	Open The Book @ Matchborough First School
		9.00am	Open The Book St Thomas More School
		7.30pm	JUMP
Thur	3 May	10.00am	Open The Book @ Woodrow First
		10.00am	Parents & Toddlers in the Church Hall
		12.30pm	Coffee Drop In @ Bryant Place (Until 2.30pm)
		2.00pm	Funeral of Alf Kimberley at Redditch Crematorium led by Pastor Gary Noyes.
		7.45pm	Children group Leaders Meeting at The Skeltons
		7.45pm	Woodrow Fellowship & Rob & Jo's. Alpha @ 49 Oakenshaw Road
		8.30pm	Men's prayer Group @ St. John's.

***CHURCH WEEKEND AT HOME!***

### **Next Sunday - Easter 5**

10.30am Morning Worship with shortened Holy Communion with  
Pastor Gary Noyes and Martin Cavendish  
6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing  
with Pastor Gary Noyes.

## **PRAYER**

### **Please pray for:-**

- ★ Gary & April, Garth & Jenny, Richard & Wendy & their families.
- ★ Gordon & Jean, as they begin their married life together.
- ★ Those known to us who are suffering ill health.
- ★ Those with financial worries.
- ★ Next Weekend.
- ★ The Big Lunch Jubilee Celebration
- ★ Alpha Course on Thursday evenings and 'Youthalpha' continuing today.
- ★ SPICE