

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Mon 21 May Prayer Ministry Team meeting in church; 8pm  
Tue 22 May Home Group at Vicarage  
10:00am Open The Book @ Tenacres School  
Wed 23 May Staff Chapter; 10am  
Open Meeting for SPICE with guest speakers St John's  
Wed 23 May 7.45pm Open Meeting for SPICE.  
Thur 24 May 7:00pm ALPHA  
7:45pm Churchwardens Admission to office @ Halesowen.  
Mon 28 May DCC  
Wed 30 May Bishop John's visit to Bromsgrove Deanery  
Sun 3 June 10.30am Parish Service followed by The Big Lunch  
@ Ipsley Rectory No morning service at St John's  
Tue 26 June 6pm onwards for Fladbury Close gardens. Visiting  
beforehand delivering leaflets and collecting them.  
Sun 1 July Ordination service at Worcester Cathedral  
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!  
Sept 29th - visiting Woodrow  
Nov 24th - visiting Woodrow to invite to Christmas events



**St. John's Church**  
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Sunday 13th May, 2012

Easter 6

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

### Christian Aid

Today is the start of Christian Aid Week. Please sign up to deliver and collect the whole or part of a road.

### Messy Church

We are planning to run Messy church on Woodrow from September but we need your help! If you are interested in taking part please speak to Dot or Rosie.

We also want supplies of empty boxes, like Jaffa cake boxes and cardboard tubes from wrapping paper and kitchen roll BUT NOT TOILET ROLLS!!!!!! We are also on the look out for unwanted board games, packs of cards, table top games & similar. If you have any donations please pass them on to Rosie.

### Pastor's Piece

What a weekend God gave St John's last week! We continue to praise him for Martin's ministry, and for the work that ReSource does throughout Britain and the world with churches very similar to ours.

April and I have had so many positive comments on the fruit that the weekend produced in people, and, whilst we thank God for that, our prayer is that we would all continue to grow and learn together in love and trust and unity. In Martin's email to me this week, he said: 'It was a fine weekend which showed St John's at its best; I have seldom worked with a more eager and responsive church..' So, be encouraged! Many thanks to ALL who helped in any way, and Karl and Jane for that amazing food! 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.' (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Every blessing,  
Gary and April



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# Church News



## Coffee Drop In On Woodrow from 24th May

Opening 24th. 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 - Wednesday 23rd May

....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 at St John's.

## The Bishop is coming

Bishop John is making a pastoral visit to the Deanery on May 30th. There will be a meeting at St Peters at 7:30pm (refreshments 7:15) where he will give a short presentation and then the floor is open to questions and discussion. **All are invited.** If you have a question that you would like to ask, give it to Barry so that it can be put on the agenda.

## 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.

## Keep up with the News

The parish website [www.ipsley.org](http://www.ipsley.org) is being well used with 27,571 pages read in April alone. Are you keeping up with the news across the parish?

## Today - Easter 6

- 10.30am Morning Worship led by Martin Thompson.  
Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking.  
Dawn will read 1 John 5:1-8 & Acts 10:44-48.  
6.30pm Evening Worship led by Gary Noyes  
Revelation 3:14-22 & Psalm 45.

## This Week

- Mon 14 May 7:30pm Parish Prayers @ St Peter's  
Allison Davies @ Bishop's Advisory Panel  
Pilgrims Progress @ Palace Theatre Tickets £10
- Tue 15 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 All welcome
- Wed 16 May 9:00am Open The Book @ Matchborough Fist School  
9:00am Open The Book @ St Thomas More  
6:30pm GN at Governor's meeting  
8:00pm Standing Committee  
7:30pm JUMP  
7.45pm Bible study group at 77 Bromfield Road.
- Thu 17 May 10.00am Open The Book @ Woodrow First School  
10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the Church Hal  
7.45pm Woodrow Fellowship @ Rob & Jo's.  
7:00pm Alpha @ 49 Oakenshaw Road  
8.30pm Men's prayer Group @ St. John's.
- Fri 18 May GN at Woodrow First School for staff interviews  
An Audience with Jonathan Viera @ Palace Theatr
- Sat 19 May Rosie Humphrey @ LLM Selection

## Next Sunday - Easter 7

- 10:30am Morning Worship led by Gary Noyes  
Vicki Quarton will be speaking on Acts 1:1-11 and 1 John 5:9-13  
6:30pm Evening Worship led by Mike Palfreyman  
Gary Noyes will be speaking on Isaiah 61 & Luke 4:14-21

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

- ★ Gary & April, Garth & Jenny, Richard & Wendy & their families.
- ★ Those known to us who are suffering ill health.
- ★ The Big Lunch Jubilee Celebration
- ★ Alpha Course on Thursday evenings and 'Youthalpha' continuing today.
- ★ SPICE
- ★ Open The Book
- ★ Messy Church
- ★ Allison Davies at Bishops Advisory Panel Monday 14th May
- ★ Rosemary Humphrey at LLM Selection Saturday 19th May

