

ALPHA. We are planning a celebration meal on Thursday 12th July at 7.00 pm. We would love you to come and join us if you are interested in doing an Alpha course or would just like to find out more about it from people who are already on the course. If you would like to come please let me know so that I know how many to cater for.

Coffee Drop In On Woodrow

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.

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.

St. John's Diary

Sat 30 June DCC Awayday in Inkberrow 9-1
Sun 1 July Ordination service at Worcester Cathedral
Simon Forrest carries the Olympic Torch at Astwood Bank
Tue 3 July Open the book at Tenacres School
Home Group at Vicarage; 7.45
Wed 11 July Parish Ministry Team meets at St Peter's; 7.30
Sun 8 July Healing Service
Sun 15 July 12 noonish Children & Prayer Partners Lunch in the Hall
JOINT CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP DAVID;
6.30 at St Peter's
Sun 22 July Thanksgiving for Skye Avis @ 10:30
TEA WITH RICHARD AND SALLY BUBBERS AND FAMILY;
(New curate) 4.30, followed by Joint Service at St Peter's
Fri 24 Aug Woodrow fun day
Thu 13 Sep Training Evening
Fri 14 - Sun 16 Sept Warm Prayer Weekend - BOOK ASAP!
Sept 29th - visiting Woodrow
Nov 24th - visiting Woodrow to invite to Christmas events
The dates for Messy Church are 22 Sept., 17 Nov., 19 Jan., 23 Mar., 18 May and 20 July



St. John's Church
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Sunday 24th June, 2012

Trinity 3

A special welcome to Rt Rev. Bishop David Walker

Fladbury Close

Come garden with us :) On Tuesday 26th June we will be gardening on Woodrow from 6pm onwards in Fladbury Close. A small team will be visiting before hand to chat to the residents and to find out how we can help them. If you would like more details about the gardening and/or visiting please speak to Gary or Dot. Bring your own tools and gloves. If you have any plants to donate that would be great!!!!



Olympic Torch

Many congregation members are keen to go and support Simon Forrest as he carries the Olympic Torch through Astwood Bank at about 10.30 next Sunday morning. Afterwards we will be going to Vicki and Rob's at 5 Church Lane (the house with ridiculous amounts of bunting!), Cookhill for a Garden Praise service. Bring picnic and/or food for the BBQ if the weather is good enough. If it rains we will be indoors without BBQ). All welcome. There will be a service at the normal time at St Johns as well, and everyone is very welcome to come up to Cookhill as well.

Pastor's Piece

For your encouragement, I've just been given the ReSource Summer Newsletter 2012, and St John's gets a mention! Martin and his team do many, many events each year, so there's not a lot of room for too many words. 'To be surprised' was what Philip, a long-standing member of the congregation, said he was hoping for from this May weekend 'at home' led by Martin at St John's, Greenlands. Philip confirmed that he had indeed been very surprised by the large number of church members who were wanting to give their lives afresh to Jesus. It was a fine weekend, and this was a community with a growing sense of its own identity.' I was certainly encouraged by that, and I hope you are, too.



Every blessing,

Gary

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Bishop John to the House of Lords

On Monday 25 June, Bishop John will be officially inducted into the House of Lords.

There are 26 bishops of the Church of England sit in the House of Lords. Known as the Lords Spiritual, they read prayers at the start of each daily meeting and play a full and active role in the life and work of the Upper House.

Bishop John will be expected to be the 'duty bishop' in the House for three weeks a year and will also attend to speak in debates about which he has an interest.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of Durham, London and Winchester are ex-officio members of the House of Lords. The remaining 21 places on the Bishops' Bench are not determined by diocese, but are occupied by those English diocesan bishops that have served the longest.

Bishop John said: "It is a great honour to become one of the Lords Spiritual. Bishops are uniquely placed to speak from first-hand experience of the problems and challenges facing individuals and communities in the area covered by dioceses.

Bishops have been a part of the Lords since Parliament began and their continuing presence reflects the current constitutional arrangements." Bishops provide an important independent voice and spiritual insight to the work of the Upper House and, while they make no claims to direct representation, they seek to be a voice for all people of faith, not just Christians.

OPEN DOORS. Come and drop in for a cup of tea and a piece of cake (for a small donation) at 49, Oakenshaw Road on Sunday July 8th at any time between 2.00pm and 6.00pm and find out about how Christians in other parts of the world are coping with the persecution they face for their faith. They do not ask for our pity but they do need our support- e.g. last Sunday in Nigeria, 3 churches were attacked, leaving about 50 people killed and 200, including 40 children, injured.

Notices

The Notice sheet editor is changing from next Sunday to Sharon Forrest. Please send details to Sharon by Wednesday each week to forrest-s@sky.com or Tel: 01527 541492

Warwick Park

The picnic at Warwick Park scheduled for Sunday 8th July has been **cancelled** as we are having a picnic at the Quarton's on the previous week.

Parish News

See the parish website for events throughout the parish. www.ipsley.org St John's is part of it.

Today - Trinity 3

10:30am Holy Communion with Bishop David who will lead and preach. Ron Skelton will read Isaiah 40:1-11 and Luke 1:57-80
4:00pm Thanksgiving for Erin Thomas at St Peters
6:30pm Evening Worship, Gary Noyes will lead and speak on Malachi 4 & Matthew 11:1-19

This Week

Mon 25 Jun Woodrow First School'Olympics Week'
1:30pm Bowls
8:00pm Prayer ministry team
7:30pm Clergy team meet with trainee LLM's
Tue 26 Jun 10.00am Morning Fellowship @ 49 Oakenshaw Road
10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the Church Hall
6:00pm Fladbury Close Workin
Wed 27 Jun 10.00am Open The Book @ Matchborough First School
10.00am Open The Book @ St Thomas More
7:30pm Deanery Synod at Charford
7.45pm Hall steering group In Church
7:30pm JUMP
Thu 28 Jun Whats Your Point meeting
7:00pm Alpha course @ 49 Oakenshaw Road
10:00am Open The Book @ Woodrow First School
10:00am Parents & Toddlers in the Church Hall
7.45pm Woodrow Fellowship @ Rob & Jo's.
8:30pm Men's prayer Group @ St. John's.
Sat 30 Jun 9:00am DCC Awayday at Inkberrow
5:00pm Oasis Church baptism in St John's

Next Sunday

10:30am Morning Worship
12:00pm Praise picnic at the Quarton's after the Olympic Torch in Astwood Bank
6:30pm Holy Communion Led by Gary Noyes

PRAYER Please pray for:-

- ★ Gary & April, Garth & Jenny, Richard & Wendy & their families.
- ★ Those known to us who are suffering ill health.
- ★ Alpha Course on Thursday evenings and 'Youthalphal' continuing today.
- ★ SPICE
- ★ Open The Book
- ★ Messy Church
- ★ Those without enough to eat.
- ★ Those trying to find work.
- ★ Those under threat of loosing their job.

