

### **New Church Warden.**

Please be praying for a new church warden for St John's, to replace Chris Tennant. Chris will be standing down next April after his 3 year's service, and we need to be praying between now and then for the right person, male or female, to be appointed. If you would like to find out more speak with Gary.

### **Collect of the day**

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus

revealed him to be your Son,

anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,

that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

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

- ❖ Gary and April, Garth and Jenny, Richard and Sally, Richard and Wendy.
- ❖ Those who are mourning
- ❖ Those known to us who are suffering ill health.
- ❖ Those without enough to eat.
- ❖ Those trying to find work.
- ❖ Messy church.
- ❖ Planning for this year's Ventures
- ❖ Those going to Soul Survivor



**St. John's Church**  
FAITH • COMMUNITY • ACTION

Sunday 13th January 2013



### **Church as the family of God**

Come and join in with a new 6 week course starting this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 7.45pm at Peter and Eileen Bishop's in Studley. See or call Peter for more information 01527 857209.

### **Training days**

Harnhill Centre for Christian Healing are offering some interesting training days in Pastoral Care and Counselling throughout 2013... see Gary for details if you are interested.

### **Parish Prayer meeting**

Please put the date in your diary to attend the Parish Prayer evening it is the turn of St John's to host the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Pastors piece**

We are just into the new year, and in our teaching this morning we are looking at 'New Beginnings'; whatever age we are, this is always relevant, because God never stops dealing with us. Resolutions tend to fade away, but God's promises to us never do; that's why it's much more visionary to renew our covenant with him in a new and fresh way, which is what we are doing this morning. How can we do otherwise, when he says to us '...You are precious and honoured in my sight, and ...I love you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.' God wants to clear away those things that hold us back from a deeper walk with him, but we have to allow him to do it. Have a look at the Covenant Prayer on the Prayer Focus that you were given, and please join with me in praying it. Also, please try to find time in your week to pray through the important headings on the sheet; the more we pray together as a church, the more we'll see things happening in our church, and in our community!

Every blessing,  
Gary and April

Pastor Gary Noyes. The Vicarage 29 Sheldon Road, Greenlands, Redditch,  
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## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January**

A brief time of prayer, following the programme produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland will be held each day of the week, at different times and churches each day in Redditch. The programme ranges from a Prayer Walk from various points within the Town, meeting up at the Baptist Church in Easemore Road for soup and roll to an evening presentation on the Wednesday and a breakfast on the Saturday. On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm there will be a United Service of Commitment at the Ecumenical Centre. See the notice board in the foyer for a full listing or pick up a leaflet from the desk.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 10-11.30am Prayer walk into the Town  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am Prayer for the Town with lunch-Baptist Church  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm United service of Commitment at Ecumenical Centre  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 12.30-2pm Drop in - soup and lunch at St Stephen's.  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 3-4.30pm Tea party and prayer St Philips Webheath.  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 7-8.00pm Presentation- Jim Quinn- Our Lady of Mount Carmel.  
Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 12-1.30pm Soup and roll lunch at St Peter's Ipsley.  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.00-9.15am Breakfast and Prayer at The Ecumenical Centre.

### **St John's Diary**

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 8pm	Prayer ministry team meet in church.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 7.45pm	DCC at St John's.
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at St John's.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Standing committee at the Vicarage.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parish Clergy Retreat to Barnes Close.
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.45pm	Cloverley Planning at Vicarage.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am	Clergy/Churchwardens meet at Huband Room.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm	Parish Ash Wednesday Service- Christ Church.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	DCC away morning.
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8pm	Prayer ministry team meet in church.
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gary to Deprived Communities meeting at Old Palace
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Standing committee at the Vicarage.
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 7.45pm	DCC at St John's.
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar 4pm	Dedication of Ella Rose Turner; St Johns.
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm	JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S.
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
W/E 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Church weekend away - Cloverley Hall.

### Today - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10.30am Morning worship with Rosemary Humphrey, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking.

6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes.

### This week

Monday

1.30pm Bowls in the Church Hall.

7.30pm Bishops Certificate.

Tuesday

10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the church hall.

Standing committee at the vicarage

Wednesday

7.30pm Jump Youth Group in the hall.

Thursday

10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the Church Hall.

7.45pm The church as the family of God -

Peter and Eileen Bishop's house.

Saturday

10.30am Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.

### Next Sunday

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Pastor Gary Noyes, Richard Bubbers will be speaking.

6.30pm

Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes.

### The real Easter Egg

Time to order your Real Easter Eggs - first and only Fairtrade chocolate egg to explain the meaning of Easter. £3.99 each which includes a donation to charity. Traidcraft Exchange received a cheque for £21,475 last year as part of the giving. There is a poster and a sign up form in the church foyer. Dot will be taking orders until Feb 3rd so we can have free postage on delivery. Buy as many as you can to support this great campaign to reclaim Easter for Jesus - in its 3rd year. St John's has been one of the best customers in the last two years - let's keep up the good work. More supermarkets (still limited) are stocking them this year - but only about 12 eggs or so on the shelves at any one time so we are asked as churches to buy this way so as to allow "non church" people to buy them.