The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever..

Amen.

Diary Time

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| Mon 18 th Feb 8pm | Prayer ministry team meet in church. |
| Tue 19 th Feb | Gary to Deprived Communities meeting |
| Tues 19 th Feb 7.45pm | Planning Group for mid-week teaching |
| | at the Vicarage |
| Wed 20 th Feb 7.30pm | Parish lent course starts at St Peter's |
| Mon 25 th Feb 7.45pm | Children's meeting at the Skelton's |
| Tues 26 th Feb 7.45pm | Cloverley Planning meeting at the Vicarage |
| Tue 5 th Mar | Standing committee at the Vicarage. |
| Thur 14 th Mar | WARM day at Holland House with Mark Bailey |
| Tues 19 th Mar 7.45pm | DCC at St John's. |
| Sat 23 rd Mar | Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall. |
| Sun 24 th Mar 4pm | Dedication of Ella Rose Turner; St Johns. |
| Sat 18th May 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall. | |
| Sun 19 th May 6.30pm | JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S. |
| Thu 27 th Jun 7.30pm | Parish Prayer meeting S Peter's |
| Sat 20 th Jul 10-12noor | n Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall. |
| W/E 4 th -6 th Oct | Church weekend away - Cloverley Hall. |
| Wed 23 rd Oct 7.30pm | Parish Prayer meeting at Christ Church |
| Sun 24 th Nov 10.30am | Christ the King at St John's;10.30am |
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A very warm welcome to St John's!

Children's social - Go for Grub

Explorer's and Pathfinder children joining in with 'Go for Grub' this Friday should meet at 6pm at the church. The cost is £2, bring a friend and let Dot know in advance (preferably today) that you will be coming. Dot's can be contacted on 01527 545703.

Pastors piece

As we approach Lent, I believe that God is calling us to take a fresh look at our spiritual priorities, both here in St John's, and within our own lives. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us next week at Christ Church for the Ash Wednesday Service; this is always a very special start to Lent, and as we move towards the momentous events of Easter, we can be spending time with God in many ways. Garth, Richard and I all feel that God is wanting to do new things in our churches, and this can only ever happen if we are open to the Spirit's leading, and not always do things because we've always done them! Please be praying for the DCC as we go to our next Awayday at Inkberrow next Saturday, when we will review where we believe God is taking us as a church, and where his heart really is. 'We... are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.' (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Every blessing, Gary

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Enough Food for Everyone IF Campaign

A hundred charities have joined together to call on world leaders to tackle the "scandal" of hunger. This campaign is the biggest mobilisation to address poverty since Make Poverty History. The campaign has the backing of philanthropist Bill Gates and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, as well as over 100 organisations, including the Church of England, Tearfund, Christian Aid, Oxfam and Save the Children. The campaign calls upon David Cameron to make the most of the UK's G8 presidency this year to unite world leaders in addressing the root causes of hunger. For the full story go to http:// www.christiantoday.com/article/

new.antipoverty.campaign.calls.for.end.to.hunger/31503.htm or see the notice board in the fover.

New Church Warden.

Please be praying for a new church warden for St John's, to replace Chris Tennant. Chris will be standing down in 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.

Church as the family of God

A new 6 week course has started on Thursday evening at Peter and Eileen Bishop's in Studley if you would like to come along or find out more call Peter for more information 01527 857209.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Christ Church will host this year's service, prepared by the women of France, for everyone, on Friday 1st March at 7.30pm. Anne Cuthbertson from St Leonard's will speak and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Websites

St John's website can be found within the Parish website. www.ipsley.org.uk As well as information on what is happening in the Parish, notices from St Peter's and Christ Church you will find a daily message. Yesterday's was:

"[Thanksgiving and prayer] We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing." -2 Thessalonians 1:3

Today - Sunday next before Lent

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| 10.30am | Pastor Gary Noyes will be leading, Rosemary Humphrey will be speaking on Exodus 34: 29-end and 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2 |
| 6.30pm | Vicky Quarton will be leading and Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Exodus 3: 1-6 and John 12: 27-36 |
| This week | |
| Monday | 1.30pm Bowls in the Church Hall. |
| | 7.30pm Bishops Certificate. |
| Tuesday | 10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the church hall. |
| | Colombian Evening with Ann Donovan |
| Wednesday | 7.30pm Jump Youth Group ten pin bowling |
| | 7.30pm Joint Ash Wednesday service at Christ Church |
| | 9.30am Clergy team meeting at St Peter's |
| Thursday | 10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the Church Hall. |
| | 7.45pm The church as the family of God - |
| | Peter and Eileen Bishop's house. |
| Friday | 6.00pm Children's Go for Grub |
| Saturday | DCC away morning at Inkberrow |
| Next Sunday | |
| 10.30am | Vicki Quarton will be leading, Pastor Gary Noyes |
| | will be speaking on Luke 4:1-13 and Romans |
| | 10:1-13 |

6.30pm Ann Donovan will be leading Vicki Quarton will be

speaking on Jonah 3 and Luke 18:9-14

PRAYER Please pray for:-

- ❖ Gary and April, Garth and Jenny, Richard and Sally, Richard and Wendv.
- Those who are mourning.
- ❖ Those known to us who are suffering ill health.
- Those without enough to eat.
- Those trying to find work.
- Planning for this year's Cloverley.
- ❖ Allison and Rosie as they undertake ministry training.
- Jump Youth Leaders
- Children's leader's.