

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Website

Don't forget to check out the Parish website www.ipsley.org.uk. As well as a daily message, you will find recordings of Sunday morning teachings and copies of the notices.

Diary Time

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| Mon 25 th Feb | 7.45pm | Children's meeting at the Skelton's |
| Tues 26 th Feb | 7.45pm | Cloverley Planning meet 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 18 th May | | Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall. |
| | 10am | Quiet Garden Movement gathering |
| Sun 19 th May | 6.30pm | JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S. |
| Thu 27 th Jun | 7.30p | Parish Prayer meeting S Peter's |
| Sat 20 th Jul | | 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 |



St. John's Church
FAITH • COMMUNITY • ACTION
Sunday 17th February 2013



A very warm welcome to St John's!

Lent Course

The Parish Lent course starts this Wednesday 20th February, at 7.30pm in the Huband room at St Peter's. The course entitled 'Finding welcome' is open to everyone in the Parish, it would be great to see as many people from St John's there as possible.

Go for grub

Many thanks to all who made 'Go for Grub' a special event for the children on Friday evening.

Pastors piece

The first Sunday of Lent!

The DCC and I have been thinking a lot about some of the issues surrounding 'Building the Kingdom', and what it means to be a church that is committed to spiritual growth. One comment that has spoken to me recently is this: 'Unless we allow God's Holy Spirit to do a new work amongst us, the Church will simply decline. We need to create within our congregation a truly loving and welcoming environment and atmosphere, where new disciples can be nurtured and cared for, and we need the Lord's heart to engage with the community around us.' This is a challenge for any church, but I believe that we can meet it as we depend fully on the one who came to restore, renew, and rescue us: Jesus Christ himself.

Every blessing,
Gary

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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.

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 check out <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/new.antipoverty.campaign.calls.for.end.to.hunger/31503.htm> or see the notice board in the Foyer.

The Quiet Garden Movement Annual Gathering 2013

"All Bliss Consists in this, To do as Adam did"

Saturday 18 May - 10am for 10.30am start - 4pm

The Great Hall, The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester

Thomas Traherne's curious invitation to revisit the original garden vocation will be explored by Denise Inge, Quiet Garden host and leading scholar of the works of this C17th priest and poet. Also an opportunity to hear from Philip Roderick, Founder-Director of the Movement and those running Quiet Gardens.

Cost £12 All welcome but booking essential. For more information and booking form contact Mary-Anne Hall 01494 434873 email info@quietgarden.org

WARM Day

The next Renewal Day is at Holland House on Thursday 14th March. Starting 10.30am and finishing at 3pm. Mark Bailey of Trinity Church, Cheltenham and Regional Director of New Wine will be speaking on "Making a difference" where he will explore the whole area of encountering God in intimacy and prayer. He will also speak later that same evening at St.Helen's in Worcester, when WARM and New Wine will be sharing together in an evening event. This will begin at 7.30pm and finish around 9pm. Email Robert@hallowchurch.co.uk or call 01905 748711.

Today – The first Sunday of Lent

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

This week

Monday

7.30pm Bishops Certificate.

8.00pm Prayer ministry team meet in church.

Tuesday

Gary to Deprived Communities meeting.

7.45pm Planning Group for mid-week teaching Vicarage.

Wednesday

9.30am Clergy team meeting at St Peter's.

7.30pm Jump Youth Leader's meeting.

7.30pm Parish Lent Course at St Peter's.

Thursday

7.45pm The church as the family of God- Peter and Eileen Bishop's house.

Next Sunday

10.30am

Morning worship with Holy Communion Revd Garth Nathaniel will be leading, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Phil. 3: 17-4:1 and Luke 18: 9-14.

Sunday Jump.

6.30pm

Evening worship Pastor Gary Noyes will be leading and preaching on Psalm 135: 1-14 and Luke 14: 25-end.

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.
- ❖ Planning for the mid week teaching.
- ❖ Those leading and joining in the Parish Lent course.
- ❖ Allison and Rosie as they undertake ministry training.
- ❖ Planning for Cloverley.
- ❖ Children's and Jump Leaders.