

## Website

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

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## **Diary Time**

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	11am	Gary taking funeral at Crematorium
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.45pm	Standing committee at the Vicarage.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	...	GENERAL TIDY-UP AT CHURCH; PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY; SEE CHRIS TENNANT FOR DETAILS
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2pm	Clergy Chaptor at St Peter's
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar		WARM day at Holland House with Mark Bailey
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Gary at Woodrow First School Governor's meeting
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4pm	Thanksgiving service for Dylan Hirst
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.45pm	DCC at St John's.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Youth service in the church
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9am	Parish morning Prayers 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 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10am-4pm	Quiet Day to launch Old Rectory Cottage
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May		Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
	10am	Quiet Garden Movement gathering
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S.
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.30p	Parish Prayer meeting S 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.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at Christ Church
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	Christ the King at St John's;10.30am

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**St. John's Church**  
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Sunday 24th February 2013



**A very warm welcome to St John's!**

## Lent Course

The Parish Lent course takes place on Wednesday evening 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.

## Wanted

Jump will be going to Soul Survivor 26-31st July and are in need of 2 and 3 man tents, if you can help out please see Simon, Julie, Louise or Roy.

## Pastors piece

We had a great DCC Awayday last week, and it was good to be together to pray/review our life together as a church family/pray together for God's direction as we move forward as a church. Many things are changing, and we need to keep on praying that God would give us the strength, insight and courage to meet the challenges facing the Church in the wider sense, as well as being Kingdom People here in Ipsley. We looked at healthy growth areas, such as gift-orientated ministry/passionate spirituality, nurtured through prayer/inspiring worship and helping people to connect with God/need for people to commit to small groups in which closer relationships may develop, and worship, prayer, pastoral support, and ongoing discipleship can take place in a smaller setting. All this can only realistically happen if we have Jesus at the very centre of our life together, because, without him, we can do nothing!

Every blessing,

Gary

Pastor Gary Noyes. The Vicarage 29 Sheldon Road, Greenlands, Redditch, Worcestershire. B98 7QS.

Telephone 01527 501092. Day off Friday.

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

The final session of the 6 week course at Peter and Eileen Bishop's in Sambourne takes place on Thursday if you would like to come along or find out more call Peter for more information 01527 857209.

### **Waiting on the Spirit**

A new Retreat House and House of Prayer is opening in Feckenham at the home of James and Sue Barrett. To let you know more about it there is a Quiet Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10am-4pm starting at the Church of St John the Baptist in Feckenham, see the notice board for more details.

### **Vacancy**

MHA is a charity providing care homes, housing and support services for older people. We are looking for a chaplain (a lay person or an ordained minister) who will take the lead on pastoral care and the spiritual and worship aspects of life within our Home at Arden Valley, Bearley Cross which provides nursing and dementia care. As a key member of the staff team, you will also be responsible for building good working relationships with local faith communities.

For an application pack, please contact Cath McIntosh on 01132 728479 or via email [catherine.mcintosh@mha.org.uk](mailto:catherine.mcintosh@mha.org.uk) closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Spice news - For prayer:**

Ks2 classes (about 90 children) are coming to the end of their series of 6 lessons on the early church and standing up for what you believe. They are offered a 4U club at the end of it which is voluntary, runs after school and includes singing, prayer, teaching, games and crafts. Pray that children who want to know God more will be allowed to come and their faith will grow.

KS1 have a 4U club running currently. The children are enthusiastic and it is lovely to get to know these individuals and encourage them to worship the God of the Bible. Pray that not only will the clubs go well but also the contact with their parents can be made and invitations to Messy church taken up.

Thanks, Dot

### **Roadshow**

There will be a Worcester Diocese Roadshow for anyone with an interest in finding out more about Reader ministry (Licensed Lay Ministry). See the notice board for dates and venues. Contact Sue Gromski at the Old Palace tel 01905 732812 email [training@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:training@cofe-worcester.org.uk)

### **Today – The second Sunday of Lent**

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.

6.30pm Evening worship Pastor Gary Noyes will be leading and preaching on Psalm 135: 1-14 and Luke 14: 25-end.

### **This week**

Monday

1.00pm Bowls in the hall

7.30pm Bishops Certificate.

7.45pm Children's meeting at the Skelton's

Tuesday

10.00am Parents and Toddlers in the hall

7.45pm Cloverley planning meet at the Vicarage

Wednesday

9.30am Clergy team meeting at St Peter's.

7.30pm Jump Youth Group in the Hall

7.30pm Parish Lent Course at St Peter's.

Thursday

10.00am Parents and Toddlers in the hall

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

### **Next Sunday**

10.30am All age worship with Vicki Quarton

6.30pm Evening service with Holy Communion  
and prayer for healing.

### **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.
- ❖ SPICE school clubs