

## Website

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## **Diary Time**

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**  
FAITH • COMMUNITY • ACTION

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013



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

### **Christian Aid 2013**

Churches Together are running 2 events this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 to 3.00pm and 7pm to 9pm at the Ecumenical Centre. The Bromsgrove Christian Aid Team will be available on the afternoon for you to drop in and find out about the work of Christian Aid and take away resources for use in church, ahead of Christian Aid Week. On the evening the West Midlands Christian Aid Team will be making a presentation and encouraging churches to make 2013 the best year ever.

### **Help wanted**

We are looking for volunteers for helping with a parish Alpha Course in the autumn. Help would involve setting up, catering, or helping with a discussion group. Please speak with Garth, Gary or Richard if you feel this may be right for you.

### **Pastors piece**

The Lent Course is proving to be popular this year, as we take a challenging look at how we welcome people in the name of Jesus to our 3 churches here in Ipsley parish. We are asking ourselves such questions as: 'Where do we see God already at work, and do we have the courage to take things further? People all around us in our everyday lives are looking for something, but in Jesus, they are finding welcome and life in all its fulness. Our task, (and this task belongs to every one of us) is to discern where God might be asking us to offer a welcome into the Christian community, and we must always bear in mind that it is only the Spirit of God who draws people to Jesus. We might be called to sow the seed and apply the water and light, but it is God who makes the seed grow!

If you haven't managed to get to the Lent Course yet, I would encourage you to come to the next one...**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at St Peter's.**

Every blessing,  
Gary

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

Telephone 01527 501092. Day off Friday.

## **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

## **Could you help support an older person returning home from hospital?**

After a stay in hospital many older people feel vulnerable, isolated and unable to cope with day to day life. They are often on their own, trying to adapt to changes in their lives. Age UK are looking for caring people who can spare a few hours to support older people to regain their independence and improve their quality of life. Training, personal development, peer support and expenses are available. Contact Age UK on: 0800 0086077

## **New role for the Bishop of Worcester**

Buckingham Palace has announced that Her Majesty The Queen has appointed Bishop John to be the next Lord High Almoner. This office has been held by the Bishop of Manchester (until his retirement in January) since 1997 and dates from at least the early twelfth century. The Lord High Almoner's chief responsibility is to oversee the liturgical arrangements for the Royal Maundy Service, which is where The Queen distributes 'Maundy Money', a small number of silver coins symbolically representing alms to the poor. Bishop John said of his appointment: "I am honoured to take on this ancient role which is the Queen's personal appointment. I shall be responsible for the Royal Maundy service which is a wonderful reminder each year that the ideal of Christian service lies at the heart of the monarchy, an ideal which Her Majesty the Queen has embodied so wholeheartedly in her devoted service to her people for over sixty years."

## **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.

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

- 10.30am All age worship with Vicky Quarton.
- 6.30pm Evening worship Pastor Gary Noyes will be leading and Revd Richard Harding will be speaking on Psalm 12 & 13 John 1: 35-end.

## **This week**

- Monday 1.00pm Bowls in the hall.  
7.30pm Bishops Certificate.
- Tuesday 10.00am Parents and Toddlers in the hall  
7.45pm Standing committee at the Vicarage.
- Wednesday 9.30am Clergy team meeting at St Peter's.  
1.30-3pm Christian Aid drop in at Ecumenical Centre  
7.00-9.00pm West Midlands Christian Aid Team at the Ecumenical Centre  
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
- Saturday GENERAL TIDY-UP AT CHURCH; PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY; SEE CHRIS TENNANT FOR DETAILS

## **Next Sunday**

- 10.30am Morning worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on 1 Samuel 1: 20-end, Luke 2: 33-40.
- 6.30pm Evening service with Pastor Gary Noyes, Rosemary Humphrey will be speaking on Exodus 2: 1-10 and Colossians 3: 12-17.

## **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 leading and joining in the Parish Lent course.
- ❖ Allison and Rosie as they undertake ministry training.
- ❖ Children's and Jump Leaders.
- ❖ SPICE school clubs