



We need more boxes so the children can take their craft work from Messy Church home easily! If you have any shoe boxes (or can ask in shoe shops) boxes would be appreciated. The next Messy church is on 23rd March. Please leave boxes in the church foyer, many thanks.

**Thank you**

Thanks to those who came and helped tidy and clean the church and grounds yesterday.

**Diary Time**

- 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.
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar.. Chrism Eucharist with Bishop John in Worcester Cathedral; all welcome.
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar St John's Children's Leaders meet at the Skeltons
- Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Mar Agape Meal at St Peter's for everyone.
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 1-4pm Children's social - Scalextric at Studley.
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April St John's AGM, after the morning service.
- Thu 25<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parish Church Meeting at Christ Church.
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April 10am-4pm Quiet Day to launch Old Rectory Cottage.
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 10-12noon 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.



**St. John's Church**  
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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013**



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

**Annual General Meeting**

St John's District Church Council (DCC) Annual General Meeting will be after morning church on 21st April, and the Parish Church Council, Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on 25th April at Christ Church. Stay after the service and find out what has been happening behind the scenes and vote for your DCC members.

**New topic**

Thursday 7.45pm. PFT Group at Peter and Eileen's. We are studying 'The dynamic unity of faith and behaviour' in Ephesians. Key verse this week Eph1v3. Call for address and directions if needed on 857209 all welcome.

**Churches Together Redditch - Walk of Witness 29<sup>th</sup> March**

The annual walk of witness through the Town starts from Assemblies of God (Elm Road) at 10.30am finishing at St Stephen's at 11.45am, where refreshments including soup and a roll will be available. See the notice board for further information.

**Pastors piece**

Welcome to our Mothering Sunday service!

The special prayer for today is helpful... 'God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself, strengthen us in our daily living, that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal..' To bind together and to heal... those are words that are important for any family, and especially us as a Christian family. Therein lies the power to move forward into what God has for us.

Every blessing,  
Gary

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## Mothering Sunday

In 1913 Constance Penswick-Smith (1878-1938), the daughter of the vicar of Coddington, Nottinghamshire, caught the vision to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Later in 1921 Constance wrote a booklet asking for a full revival of Mothering Sunday, eventually founding The Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday and spending more than 25 years promoting the celebration of the festival. Thanks mainly to Constance's efforts, Mothering Sunday - which has its roots in the pre-Reformation Church - has been widely observed and re-established across the Church of England, and celebrated in wider society.

## New group

Meets every 2nd Monday of the month  
at Emmanuel Church  
in the Kingfisher Centre Redditch B98 4EX  
...beginning

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm - 9pm

A gentle group for individuals and families who have lost a baby,  
to help support your emotional needs.

For more info please contact Andrew Fisher Chaplain at the Alexandra Hospital  
01527 505723 andrew.fisher@worsac.nhs.uk

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION**

This year there will be a full revision of the church Electoral Roll. This means all names are deleted from the current roll and it is started again from scratch. Everyone who would like to be on the roll will need to fill in an application form. Forms are available from Dawn.

## **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

## Today – Mothering 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.

## This week

### Monday

1.00pm Bowls in the hall.

7.30pm Bishops Certificate.

### Tuesday

10.00am Parents and Toddlers in the hall.

8.00pm All age planning team meet at the Quartons.

### Wednesday

2.00pm Clergy Chapter at St Peter's.

7.30pm Jump Youth Group in the hall.

7 for 7.30pm Parish Lent Course at St Peter's.

### Thursday

10.00am Parents and Toddlers in the hall.

WARM day at Holland House with Mark Bailey.

Gary at Woodrow First School Governor's meeting.

7.45pm PFT Group at Peter and Eileen Bishop's

### Sunday

4pm Thanksgiving service for Dylan Hirst.

## Next Sunday

### 10.30am

Morning worship with Richard Bubbers, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Philippians 3: 1-14 and Isaiah 43: 16-21.

### 6.30pm

Evening Worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Vicky Quarton will be speaking on Isaiah 35 and Luke 22: 1-13.

## **† EASTER SERVICES †**

*28th..Maundy Thursday....Agape Meal*

*29th...Good Friday...Family Service at 10.30am*

*Hour at the Cross at 8pm*

*31st...Easter Day...Family Communion at 10.30am*

**(No Holy Communion on 24th.)**

*Easter Praise at 6.30pm*

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