



**St. John's Church**  
FAITH • COMMUNITY • ACTION



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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### Diary Time

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April 8.00pm Prayer Ministry team meet in church  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Cloverley Planning Team meet  
Thu 18<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Clergy Chapter  
7.30pm Clergy/Readers meet  
Thu 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.45pm PFT meeting at Peter and Eileen Bishop's  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 1-4pm Scalextric fun - 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 4<sup>th</sup> May 3-4.30pm Welcome the new Pastor at Assemblies of God  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May Christian Aid Week  
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.  
Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30pm Living Faith Barry Haig  
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.  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Aug Wedding of Roy Bush and Zami Sawu  
Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm Living Faith - Bishop Michael Nazir Ali  
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.  
Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 7.30pm Living Faith - Matt Summerfield

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**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 find out what has been happening behind the scenes and vote for your DCC.

### **Scalextric**

We have booked the Scalextric track in Studley on Saturday 20th April from 1pm to 4pm. This is a great opportunity for the church family (children and the young at heart!) to get together and have some fun, suggested donations £3 per person, see Vicky Skelton if interested.

### **Pastors piece**

I've been reading Psalm 63 again recently; I love the Psalms anyway, as they are so real and express faith in very human terms. Like King David, we should never be ashamed of bringing our deepest needs to God, who loves us with an incredibly deep love, demonstrated in that amazing way on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

*'O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you, and my soul thirsts for you....because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you, and I will praise you as long as I live. On my bed I remember you, and I think of you through the watches of the night....'*

Let's pray that the Lord would open the doors of our hearts, that we might walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, and be ready for any situation that he might call us to during this coming week.

Every blessing,  
Gary

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### **New series of Living Faith lectures**

Listening to speakers who walk with God with a story to tell and a message is a terrific way to encourage us in our faith journey. With this in mind we boldly invited key speakers to St John's and with much delight all 3 speakers accepted the invitation.

We start in May with **Barry Haig** (23<sup>rd</sup> May) who spent 40 years as a Missionary in Zambia, Barry will be speaking on Overseas Mission, giving us food for thought on what we can do here in our own church to support the needy.

Our next speaker is **Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali** (19<sup>th</sup> September), former Bishop of Rochester and current President of OXTRAD (Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue). Bishop Michael will be speaking on Discipleship.

Our final speaker in this series is **Matt Summerfield** (21<sup>st</sup> November) Matt is author of 'Don't make history, change the future' and Director of Urban Saints (formerly Crusaders) who recently spoke at Soulnet. Matt will be speaking on Evangelism and Youth.

We would like to ensure that these speakers are talking to a full church on these evenings and would encourage you when leaflets are available to take a supply each and pass them on.

We will also need a team of people to ensure the meetings go smoothly please sign up if you can help.

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### **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.
- ❖ Allison and Rosie as they undertake ministry training.
- ❖ Children's and Jump Leaders.
- ❖ SPICE school clubs
- ❖ Rob and Jo Adams

### **Today – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.30am St Johns as Easter People, Reconciled and Resurrected.  
Reconciling and Resurrecting? Acts 5.27-32.



6.30pm Holy Communion and prayer for Healing, with Pastor Gary Noyes and Revd Garth Nathaniel.  
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 and Luke 24:13-35.

### **Next Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.30am Worship For Everyone with the Skelton family.

6.30pm Evening worship with Allison Davies, the readings are  
Isaiah 38:9-20 and John 11:17-44



**Exciting Messy Church Update:** Although it snowed again, over 80 people came to the Messy Easter session on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, of which 31 were children. We had 4 x 2 minute videos during the craft sessions, telling the Easter story and then a short talk about Easter and why Jesus stayed on the Cross, despite being able to come down, and that he then rose from the tomb. This was followed by sad and happy prayers on post it notes. Thank you to the helpers on the day, and to all those who provided shoe boxes (any more would be welcome!) and for all who have prayed. The next session is Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that families will come again so we can get to know them and that the adults will start to ask questions about what we are doing so our faith can be shared.

### Job Vacancies

Worcester Cathedral has 2 part time vacancies:

Operational Assistant 30 hours per week  
Music Administrator 15 hours per week

Closing date for both positions is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April <http://worcestercathedral.co.uk/Jobs.php>