



Tax Justice:

Over the past few months there has been a good deal in the media about tax avoidance by some high profile companies, at a time when our country needs all the financial support it can get. This is even more of an issue for the developing world. Next Wednesday, 24th April, David Haslam of the Christian group on Tax Justice, will be explaining the issues at Emmanuel Church, Ecumenical Centre, from 7.45pm.

Invitation

Jim Hilderley Vice Chair of Chaplaincy for Agriculture for Rural Life invites you to a ROGATION SERVICE - a Farm Walk with Readings and Prayers on Tuesday 7th May, 7.00pm at Chapel Farm Netherton Lane, Netherton Nr Elmley Castle Pershore WR10 3JG. The farm of Adrian Steele Refreshments will be served following the service.



PRAYER

The Collect of the day

*Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.*

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

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Annual General Meeting

St John's District Church Council (DCC) Annual General Meeting will be after the service this morning. Please stay and find out what has been happening behind the scenes and to vote in your DCC. The **Parish Annual Meeting** will be held at Christ Church this Thursday 25 April at 7.30 pm when elections to the PCC will be held, please try and attend

Scalextric

Thank you to Vicky Skelton for organizing the scalextric social yesterday and to Karl who provided the BBQ, a great time was had by all.

Pastors Piece

Annual General Meetings, especially in churches, are very important times, in my opinion; they give everyone a chance to hear what's going on, to communicate, and to renew our vision together as God's people. We have ours today here at St John's after the morning service, and the main Parish AGM on Thursday at Christ Church.

As I have said in my annual Pastor's Report, '...being church together takes courage, commitment, and constant prayer! Also passionate spirituality/inspiring worship/commitment to small groups/loving relationships/a readiness to share our faith. I wouldn't be here unless I deeply believed in all this, and in our call as a church to faithfully bring the knowledge of the saving work of Christ to those around us. We need to continue to keep Jesus firmly at the centre of all that we are, and all that we do.'

Our special prayer for today says it all: 'Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep, teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.'

Every blessing,
Gary

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Living Faith lectures

Leaflets are now in the foyer please take a quantity and hand them to people you know who will be interested, there are also posters available. The first of the talks is just a month away !

Our first speaker is **Barry Haig** (23rd 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.

If you would like to help with providing refreshments or in any other way please speak with Ron, Dot, Karl or Simon Forrest.

Christian Aid Week 12-19th May

Please see Vicky or Rob Quarton if you are able to join us in collecting around Greenlands or Woodrow for Christian Aid week, last year St John's raised approximately £800. Katrina has made a start and raised £35 from a garage sale any other ideas are gratefully received.

Diary Time

Sat 4th May 3-4.30pm Welcome the new Pastor at Assemblies of God.
Tue 7th May 7.00pm Rogation Service in Pershore.
Standing committee at the Vicarage.
Fri 12th-19th May Christian Aid Week.
Mon 15th May Worship For Everyone team meet.
Tue 16th May Gary at Governor's meeting Woodrow School.
Sat 18th May 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
10am Quiet Garden Movement gathering.
Sun 19th May 6.30pm JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S.
Mon 20th May Prayer Ministry Team meet in church.
Tues 21st May DCC meeting in the church.
Wed 22nd May Churchwardens commissioning service in Kidderminster
Thur 23rd May 7.30pm Living Faith Barry Haig.
Sat 22nd June DCC Awayday at Inkberrow.
Thu 27th Jun 7.30p Parish Prayer meeting S Peter's.
Sat 29th Jun Richard Bubber;s priesting service at Cathedral.
6th Jul PCC/DCC Away Day Together.
Sat 20th Jul Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
Sat 24th Aug Wedding of Roy Bush and Zami Sawu.
Thur 19th Sept 7.30pm Living Faith - Bishop Michael Nazir Ali.
W/E 4th-6th Oct Church weekend away - Cloverley Hall.
Wed 23rd Oct 7.30pm Parish Prayer meeting at Christ Church.
Thur 21st Nov 7.30pm Living Faith - Matt Summerfield.

Today – 4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning worship Vicki Quarton will be leading, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Ephesians 4:1-16.

Children's Groups in the hall.
Sunday Jump

St John's AGM after the morning service, please stay, find out what has been happening, ask any questions you may have and vote for your DCC.

6.30pm Evening worship Pastor Gary Noyes will be leading, Richard Bubbers will be preaching.

Next Sunday -

10.30am Holy Communion and Prayer for Healing with Revd Richard Harding and Pastor Gary Noyes. Gary will be speaking on Colossians 3:12-4:6 and John 13:31-38

6.30pm Evening worship with Rosemary Humphrey, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Daniel 6:6-23 and Mark 15:46-16:8

This week

Monday 1.30pm Bowls in the hall.
Tuesday 10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the hall.
Wednesday 7.30pm Jump Youth Group in the hall.
7.45pm Tax Justice at the Ecumenical Centre
Thursday 10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the hall.
7.30pm Parish AGM at Christ Church.
Saturday 10am-4pm Quiet Day to launch Old Rectory Cottage.

PFT Group at Peter and Eileen Bishop's

No meeting this week as the group are attending the Parish AGM. Next meeting will be 5th May.

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 next Saturday 27th April 10am-4pm starting at the Church of St John the Baptist in Feckenham, see the notice board for more details.