



Plant Sale

St Bartholomew's Church, Tardebigge (Saturday 4th May, 11am sharp!) This popular sale features plants grown by members of the parish - and welcomes serious and amateur gardeners alike. Regular visitors know that you need to arrive in Church Lane, Tardebigge (B60 3AH) in good time - stock sells out quickly, leaving plenty of time for a fresh cup of tea and a piece of home-made cake served in the Church Hall. Preserves and home-made cakes will also be on sale!

Diary Time

Tue 7 th May 7.00pm	Rogation Service in Pershore. Standing committee at the Vicarage.
Wed 8 th May 7.45pm	SPICE Planning meeting in church
Fri 12 th -19 th May	Christian Aid Week.
Mon 13 th May	Worship For Everyone team meet.
Tue 14 th May	Gary at Governor's meeting Woodrow School.
Sat 18 th May 10-12noon	Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
	10am Quiet Garden Movement gathering.
	7.30pm Redditch Choral Society at St Stephens.
Sun 19 th May 6.30pm	JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S.
Mon 20 th May	Prayer Ministry Team meet in church.
Tues 21 st May	DCC meeting in the church.
Wed 22 nd May	Churchwardens commissioning service in Kidderminster
Thur 23 rd May 7.30pm	Living Faith Barry Haig.
Sat 22 nd June	DCC Awayday at Inkberrow.
Thu 27 th Jun 7.30p	Parish Prayer meeting S Peter's.
Sat 29 th Jun	Richard Bubbers priesting service at Cathedral.
6 th Jul	PCC/DCC Away Day Together.
Sat 20 th Jul	Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
Sat 24 th Aug	Wedding of Roy Bush and Zami Sawu.
Thur 19 th Sept 7.30pm	Living Faith - Bishop Michael Nazir Ali.
W/E 4 th -6 th Oct	Church weekend away - Cloverley Hall.
Wed 23 rd Oct 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at Christ Church.
Thur 21 st Nov 7.30pm	Living Faith - Matt Summerfield



St. John's Church
FAITH • COMMUNITY • ACTION
Sunday 28th April 2013



A very warm welcome to St John's!

Christian Aid Week 12-19th May

This church collected £800 last year which would provide 55 families with a tarpaulin shelter following a disaster. Collecting in pairs can be fun and a chance to show our local community that Christians really do care for those in desperate need.....and to have a chat with them at the same time. Please be part of the great Christian walkabout. Speak to Rob or Vicki.

SPICE Planning meeting

Please join Dot, Gary and others to find out what SPICE (St Johns People In Community Enterprise) is up to and what plans there are for the coming months. If you not sure what SPICE is come along and find out. Meet in the church 7.45pm Wednesday 8th May.

Pastors Piece

Every one who ever lived has a view on work, positive and negative! (Just read the first few chapters of Genesis!) God made us in his image, and good, honest work is one of the results of that. God is described in Genesis as a worker, and, when he had finished, he stood back and saw that it was good, before resting on the seventh day. We are his stewards, and have been given the task of developing and caring for God's created order. I always like to think that the very first profession was Adam's job as gardener/farmer! There is a saying: 'Work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do.' Obviously, in our present economic climate, there are many people who would just love to have a job, but find it difficult to find one, let alone find one that suits their gifts and skills. Redundancy can be hugely traumatic, as I know from my own personal experience, but God still implants the urge to work within his creation. Our key verse for today is: 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...' (Colossians 3:23) Wherever you work, or have a home, or interact with the community, always remember that God wants to make an impact through us, what we say, what we do, and what we are.

Every blessing,
Gary

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New shop in Woodrow

There is a new shop opening in the Woodrow Centre, similar to the one in Winyates. Robin Baker is driving the enterprise. It is part of his AOK (Acts of Kindness) initiative backed by Oasis. He is keen and this also has Gary's blessing, that St John's should be part of the excitement. Philip Humphrey is doing a lot of the initial makeover. If you have a free hour or so in the next few days and would like to wield a paint brush, speak to Philip or Dot who will put you in touch with Robin.

The shop will sell second hand furnishings, clothing and books. It will also be a food bank outlet. You can have a cuppa in there and stay around to chat. It will be a base that can be used for prayer or counselling where needed. We'll let you know about donations soon. As you will appreciate, this is very good news for the people of Woodrow and also for SPICE as we work together to share Jesus with the community.

Robin is now looking for volunteers to help in the shop – this will entail back scene things like sorting and pricing stock as well as serving and chatting to customers. Shifts are morning 10am-1pm and afternoons 1-4.30pm during the week. Hours on Saturdays are 10am -2.30pm. Please see Philip or Dot for an application form. No experience is required but you will need to fill in a simple official application form and provide a character reference. There is a 6 week trial period and an induction meeting covering health and safety and the required Christian ethos behaviour expected from such a volunteer position.

Several people have gained work experience in this capacity and gone on to paid employment as a result of working in the Winyates shop. Robin needs people of Christian faith to volunteer but also those who simply need to experience a working environment. It may be YOU – or you may know someone, particularly living on Woodrow, who fits the bill. Please get in touch.



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 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Children's groups -Jesus heals 10 men.
Sunday Jump

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

Next Sunday:

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Rob Quarton.

6.30pm Holy Communion and Prayer for Healing with Pastor Gary Noyes and Revd Garth Nathaniel.

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.
Thursday 10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the hall.
Friday Redditch YMCA and Nightstop sleepeasy at Tesco Car Park (see notice board).
Saturday 4.30pm Welcome to the new Pastor at Assemblies of God.

Living Faith lectures - who will you invite?

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 and publicity is well in hand including coverage in the Church of England-Worcester e-newsletter sent out last week.

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*