

Faith at Work in Worcestershire

Faith at Work in Worcestershire is an ecumenical partnership, which promotes chaplaincy to workplaces and the church's engagement with issues of economy, work and unemployment. They encourage local churches to develop chaplaincy links with their local workplaces through recruiting, training and supporting local church people as Associate Chaplains. Faith at Work in Worcestershire are running a short course of training in Redditch in June/July. They encourage anyone interested to come along and use the training as a taster to see if this ministry is for you. Courses will be held in Redditch on Tuesday's June 25th, July 2nd and 9th from 2 – 4 p.m. For more information or to book a place please contact Dick Johnson on 07946 655450 or email at dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk To talk about what is involved in this ministry speak with Maureen or Sharon.

Diary Time

Sun 12th-19th May Christian Aid Week.
Sun 12th May Enough Food for Everyone walk.
Mon 13th 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.
7.30pm Redditch Choral Society at St Stephens.
Sun 19th May 6.30pm JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S.
Sun 19th May am Wash and Nosh for Dosh – Christian Aid event.
Mon 20th May Prayer Ministry Team meet in church.
Tues 21st May DCC meeting in the church.
Wed 22nd May Churchwardens (Ann and Barry).
commissioning service in Kidderminster.
Thur 23rd May 7.30pm Living Faith - Barry Haig.
Wed 5th June 7.45pm Children's leaders meeting at the Skelton's.
Sat 15th June 9.30-2pm BROTHER NICHOLAS FROM GLASSHAMPTON
Friday 21st June 6.30pm Marriage Blessing for Andrew and Sharon
Brazier; at St John's church.
Sat 22nd June DCC Awayday at Inkberrow.
Thu 27th Jun 7.30pm Parish Prayer meeting S Peter's.
Sat 29th Jun Richard Bubbers priesting service at Cathedral.
Sat 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.



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A very warm welcome to ST JOHN'S!

Christian Aid Week 12-19th May

Would you like to be part of a group collecting locally for Christian Aid, you simply need to drop envelopes through letterboxes and collect again a few days later. 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 this week.

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 this Wednesday 8th May.

Pastors Piece

It's nearly the end of the first week of May already! At last, we have been blessed with some proper spring weather and that always seems to lift the spirits of people; I saw my first swallow of the season over at Crophorne last week. What also lifts the spirit is the reminder that we are still in the Easter season, and we can celebrate for all time that, through Jesus, God has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has firmly placed each of us who believe in the kingdom of Jesus.

In whatever affects us at the moment, we can be sure that he gives us the water of eternal life, the spring of life, and source of all goodness. Our task now is to trust and obey, and draw the people around us in the world to the fire of his love.

Every blessing,
Gary

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Wash and Nosh for Dosh

A date for the diary- on Sunday 19th May the children of St. John's and their leaders with your help, will be raising money for Christian Aid. They will be washing cars and cleaning things as well as serving a hunger lunch after the morning service. More details will be revealed nearer the time please put the date in the diary and get all that loose change from down the side of the sofa!

Enough Food For Everyone IF – a message from Churches Together Redditch

On Sunday 12th May there is an exciting opportunity to make a difference to World Hunger. Two Walks will take place, converging on Redditch Town Centre to highlight this initiative, which is supported by all developing world charities as well as some 'big names' like Bill Gates.

At 2pm one Walk will start from Matchborough Centre, and can be picked up along the bus route through Winyates, Church Hill and into Easemore Road; at the same time another Walk will begin at Crabbs Cross and can be picked up along Evesham Road through Headless Cross and the Kingfisher Centre.

Bring the children for an afternoon walk, buggies and all! Use the occasion as a special walk for your dogs! Refreshments will be available from 3.30pm at St Stephen's church and if you would like to support but have walking difficulties you can link up there.

See the notice board in the foyer for the detail on the 12th May event. Also visit <http://enoughfoodif.org/> and sign up to receive regular updates.



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

Today – 6th Sunday of Easter

- 10.30am Worship For Everyone with Rob Quarton.
6.30pm Holy Communion and Prayer for Healing with Pastor Gary Noyes and Revd Garth Nathaniel.

Next Sunday:

- 10.30am Morning worship with Vicki Quarton, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on 'Intimacy with God' John 15.
6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on John 15.

This week

- Tuesday 10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the hall.
10:15am Funeral of Michael Young at the Crematorium.
7.00pm Rogation Service in Pershore.
Standing committee at the Vicarage.
Wednesday 7.45pm SPICE Planning meeting in church.
Jump Youth Group in the hall.
Thursday 10.00am Parents & Toddlers in the hall.
7.45pm PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's.
Sunday Enough Food for Everyone walk.

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 few weeks 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.

ON Saturday 15th June BROTHER NICHOLAS FROM GLASSHAMPTON MONASTERY WILL BE SPEAKING ON 'PRAYER FOR HEALING'; 9.30-2PM; IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH. NOT TO BE MISSED, SEE GARY FOR MORE INFORMATION!