

A UK first coming to Worcester 19th-27th July

WIFYS, the UK's first-ever non-competitive international youth singing festival, comes to Worcester this summer. Organised by **Sing UK** in association with the **European Choral Association - Europa Cantat (ECA-EC)**, the city will play host to 11 choirs from 10 different countries - Belgium, Poland, Spain, the Czech Republic, Austria, Russia, Hong Kong, Germany, Lithuania - and the UK. Street singing, concerts in Worcester city and around the county, singing at church services and a Welcome Concert will delight singers and audiences. The climax will be the final night's **Gala Concert** in Worcester's magnificent cathedral, with all four of the week's distinguished international conductors, directing the young singers in performance. The programme will include the **World Premiere** of a specially commissioned work from UK composer **Bob Chilcott** (*Five Days that Changed the World* with words by Charles Bennett), which will be conducted by the composer - and will involve all 400 young singers! *With the festival being the first event of its kind in the UK, they have taken as their theme, 'Peace & Unity between Nations', to reaffirm the continuing mission of ECA-EC, and their own shared aspirations - to work towards a more peaceful world through the engagement of young people from different nations coming together to sing. To find out more go to www.singuk.org or call 01905 611427.*

Diary

Fri 19th Jul- 27th July International Youth Singing Festival.
Sun 4th Aug 4.00pm Thanksgiving for Brooke Senior
Sun 18th Aug 4.00pm Thanksgiving for Alice Baker in church
Sat 24th Aug Wedding of Roy Bush and Zami Sawu.
Mon 2nd Sept Launch of Redditch Food Bank
Sun 15th Septr Thanksgiving for Isabella Cronin
Wed 18th Sep Training for Alpha leaders and helpers.
Thur 19th Sept 7.30pm Living Faith - Bishop Michael Nazir Ali.
Wed 25th Sep Parish Alpha Course starts
Sun 29th Sept 4pm Thanksgiving for Michael White in church.
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.
Sat 5th April 2014 Diocese Childrens Training - Worcester.

Telephone 01527 501092. Day off Friday.



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Notices Sunday 14th July

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Church Family at Warwick Park

After the morning service next week, we will be going across to Warwick Park for an afternoon of fun and leisure. If you haven't been before, there is plenty to do from water fun, walks, boating on the river, ball games for those more active amongst us as well as plenty of ice cream. Bring a deck chair, picnic rug, lunch and a change of clothes if planning to get wet. If you need or can offer someone a lift please speak with Sharon 01527 541492. If you would like directions please pick up a leaflet from the foyer.

Alpha - can you help

'The Parish Alpha Course will start on September 25th, and a training evening for group leaders and helpers will be on September 18th. If you feel that you would like to help in either of those capacities, please see Gary as soon as possible, so that a team can be established before the summer break.'

Pastors Piece

The church in Redditch is very much alive and thriving! Many of us attended the induction by The Bishop of Dudley of Rev. Richard Clark as rector of Holy Trinity parish, and I've never seen St Stephen's so full! There was a big ecumenical feel to it, with ministers and people from many denominations there. God strengthens his church with power, and that's our theme today here in St John's. As we call upon his name, he gives us strength that is beyond ourselves, the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Lord of all power and might, though our faith is small as mustard-seed, make it grow to your glory, and the flourishing of your kingdom

Every blessing,

Gary

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The Collect of the day

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Midlands Day of Renewal in the Holy Spirit

Saturday 21st September

All Saints' Warwick- A day for those seeking the refreshing and renewing of God's Holy Spirit, and seeking more in their Christian life. See the poster on the notice board for more information.

The Deans Sponsored Challenge - Rimes in Time

In 2010 the Dean of Worcester completed 20,000 lines of rhyme in 24 hours. Since he can manage this much, the challenge will be ratcheted up a notch: he will attempt 25,000 lines in 30 hours. He is now a Senior Citizen, so he needs all the encouragement you can give him! So make it worth his while by sponsoring him once again at £1 per line, and see how much you and he can raise together. Last time he raised £21,000 and they are hoping to top that. The proceeds will support three of the Cathedral's most pressing needs: the fabric, the music, and the education programme. The cost of arranging and publicizing the event is being generously funded by the Friends of Worcester Cathedral, so every £1 given will contribute to the profits.

Rimes in Time will begin at 9 am on Thursday 29 August and finish at 3 pm on Friday 30 August. The reading is continuous, apart from short breaks at the end of each hour. The event will be streamed live by JDA Media on the Cathedral website.

Those who come to listen to the Dean through the long hours of the night will be treated to a possibly unprecedented reading (in English translation) of the whole of Dante's Divine Comedy. For the rest of the time, the Dean will read the poems you choose, which, as before, may be dedicated in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one. For more information visit http://worcestercathedral.co.uk/Rimes_in_Time_2013.php or see the sponsorship form on the board in the foyer.

Today – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship with Maureen Hughes, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Luke 10:25-37 and Colossians 1:1-14

6.30pm Evening service with Pastor Gary Noyes, the readings will be Mark 7: 1-23 and Genesis 32:9-32.

Next Sunday: Trinity 8

10.30am Morning Worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Rosemary Humphrey will be speaking on Luke 10:38-end and Colossians 1:15-28.

6.30pm Evening service with Mike Palfreyman, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on 1 Corinthians 4:8-13 and Psalm 81.

What's on this Week:

Monday	9.00am	Parish Prayers at St Peter's. Bowls in the hall.
Tuesday	9.00am 10-12noon	Parish Prayers at St Peter's. Parents and toddlers in the hall.
Wednesday	9.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Peter's. Jump in the hall.
Thursday	9.00am 10-12noon	Parish Prayer's at St John's. Parents and toddlers in the hall.
Friday	09.00am	Parish Prayers at St Peter's. International Youth Singing Festival.
Saturday	09.00am 10.00am	Prayer for the work and ministry of St John's. Messy Church at Woodrow Community Hall.
Sunday		Church family at Warwick Park after morning worship.

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.
- ❖ Peggy Snellgrove.
- ❖ Sylvia Czink and family.
- ❖ June Young and family.
- ❖ Denise Inge.
- ❖ Allison and Rosie as they undertake ministry training.
- ❖ Children's and Jump Leaders.
- ❖ Bowls and parents and toddlers groups.
- ❖ Ventures and Soul Survivor.