

## A UK first coming to Worcester 19<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.singuk.org) or call 01905 611427.*

### **Diary**

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Foodbank collection at Asda.
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	4.00pm Thanksgiving for Brooke Senior
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	4.00pm Thanksgiving for Alice Baker in church
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Wedding of Roy Bush and Zami Sawu.
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Launch of Redditch Food Bank
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Be Still Day - Droitwich
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thanksgiving for Isabella Cronin
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Training for Alpha leaders and helpers.
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30pm Living Faith - Bishop Michael Nazir Ali.
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	Midlands day of renewal.
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Parish Alpha Course starts
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	4pm Thanksgiving for Michael White in church.
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.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Diocese Childrens Training - Worcester.



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**Notices Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**A very warm welcome to St John's!**

### **Foodbank Update**

The Foodbank are having a collection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August at ASDA in Bromsgrove (we are hoping to be at Tesco in Redditch later in the year). Volunteers are needed for 2 hour slots to give out shopping lists, or to sort the food as it is donated. This is usually the best way to get large quantities of food into the Food Bank store as we need 3 tonnes of food before we can open! Please fill in a form that is on the table in the foyer and return it to the address on the form. This is mainly for contact details so that a time slot can be organised. Any questions please see Barry.

### **Pastors Piece**

It was very good to join with some of you last Saturday morning at the first of our regular 'Prayer for the Work of St John's' sessions. These will be scheduled for every Saturday morning (unless otherwise indicated), from 9-10am. We pray for anything that relates to what God is calling us to by his Spirit in this part of the Ipsley parish, and it provides a core place in which we can come before God as a church.

We don't live in isolation as Christians, and we don't need to always pray in isolation; if we know that God is calling us forward as a church, then the first thing he expects is for us to be united in our prayer life together.

A Benediction: 'May we now, by the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the spirit of prayer. May it become, in the name of Jesus Christ, the most precious occupation of our life. And may the God of all peace strengthen us, bless us and give us joy.'

Every blessing,  
Gary

### **The Collect of the day**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **Cloverley - 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October**

There are still places left for Cloverley the church weekend away. Good food and accommodation in beautiful grounds with people you know or would like to know better. If you have already booked, it is time to think about paying for your place, which I would like to be completed by mid September. If you have questions or think you have a problem, see Barry because 'I only have solutions'.

### **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 in 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.'

### **Be Still Day - Churches Together in Worcestershire**

*Saturday 7 September, 10am - 3.30pm*

*Droitwich Methodist Church, Worcester Road, WR9 8AN* Deepening our relationship with God through Silent Prayer - led by Magdalen Houlihan. This event is free, but donations of £5 invited to cover expenses. Please bring a packed lunch. To book your place please contact Max Jourdier on [mandejourdier@gmail.com](mailto:mandejourdier@gmail.com) or 01886 812259.

### **Today - Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

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.

### **Next Sunday: Trinity 9**

10.30am Worship for Everyone with Holy Communion with Rev Garth Nathaniel and Gary Noyes Daniel 6:1-23. 'God is in the Jungle'.

6.30pm Evening service with Pastor Gary Noyes, Gary will be speaking on Psalm 95.

### **What's on this Week:**

Monday	9.00am	Parish Prayers at St Peter's. Bowls in the hall.
Tuesday	9.00am	Parish Prayers at St Peter's.
	10-12noon	Parents and toddlers in the hall.
	7.45pm	Children's leaders social.
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Communion at St Peter's.
Thursday	9.00am	Parish Prayer's at St John's.
	10-12noon	Parents and toddlers in the hall.
Friday	09.00am	Parish Prayers at St Peter's.
Saturday	09.00am	Prayer for the work and ministry of St John's.



### **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.
- ❖ Allison and Rosie as they undertake ministry training.
- ❖ Children's and Jump Leaders.
- ❖ Bowls and parents and toddlers groups.
- ❖ Ventures and Soul Survivor.