

Canal Walk and meal - summer social

Ann and Maureen are arranging a meal and walk on Wednesday 28th August. Meet at 6pm at the Navigation - Wootton Wawen. If you aren't able to do the walk you can always meet up for the meal only, or if you can't stay for the meal why not just come for the walk. To help the pub prepare for numbers please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Cloverley - 4th-6th 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, please see me - thank you Barry.

Diary

Thur 22nd Aug 12.15pm Funeral of Rob Adams.
Sat 24th Aug 2pm Marriage of Roy Bush and Zami Sawa.
Wed 28th Aug 6pm Meal and walk - Navigation Wootton Wawen.
Mon 2nd Sept Launch of Redditch Food Bank.
Sat 7th Sept Be Still Day - Droitwich.
Sat 14th Sep Sponsored ride and stride.
Sun 15th Sept Thanksgiving for Isabella Cronin.
Wed 18th Sep Training for Alpha leaders and helpers.
Thur 19th Sept 7.30pm Living Faith - Bishop Michael Nazir Ali.
Sat 21st Sep Midlands day of renewal.
Sat 21st Sep Big Bible Study.
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.
Sat 12th Oct DCC Away Day Inkberrow.
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.



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Summer Notices

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Pastors Piece

I hope that you have enjoyed, or will enjoy a break during this summer. It's good to get away if we are able to, even for a few days, for refreshment and different scenery and people. God is with us all the time, whether we are on holiday or not, and it is always a good plan to spend some time daily in his presence. Don't forget that we are running a parish-wide Alpha Course in the autumn, beginning on September 25th at Christ Church. Please be praying for this joint venture, especially those who will be leading, and those who God is calling to be participants. We'll need volunteers, also; (group and assistant leaders/caterers/people to help set up and clear up, etc.) If you feel that God is speaking to you about being part of this big event, please speak to Gary or Ann Donovan in the first instance. You might also want to be praying about who you might invite; (It could be your neighbour/friend/family member/work colleague) A lot of people prefer to invite someone, and then come with them to the course. Please look out for the posters, and if you would like some personal invitation slips to give out, let us know. In the meantime, here are some words of encouragement from Jeremiah 17: 'Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him; they will be like a tree planted by the water, that sends out its roots by the stream...'

Every blessing,

Gary

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Rob Adams

The funeral for Rob will take place Thursday 22nd August 12.15pm at St John's, there will be a private committal for family at the crematorium after. Please join the family after in St John's hall. The family have requested red to be worn.

Wedding of Roy Bush and Zami Sawa

Roy and Zami welcome all who can attend their wedding on Saturday 2.00pm in St John's Church.

THANKS FROM GARY AND THE DCC

Just a note to thank everyone for responding to the recent Questionnaire from the DCC regarding our worship in St John's. We appreciate it very much, and will incorporate the results into our wider review of the overall life and work of St John's. We were encouraged by the results of this initial survey, and the responses were very interesting. Although these showed that we are going in the right direction, there are still many issues to be addressed if we are to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in St John's, and the DCC will be doing some work on this.

We need to always remember that we are a broad church, and we can never please all the people all the time!

The recent Awayday at Inkberrow was very constructive, and many issues and ideas surrounding our worship life were discussed, including concrete proposals that will be taken forward and implemented; (e.g. sermon series/Saturday a.m. Prayer Focus/more Home Groups/different liturgy, etc.) Overall, the survey showed us that most people feel welcomed and enjoy our worship style, and most of our teaching was felt to be helpful. We are blessed by good and committed musicians, and are encouraged by the new people joining St John's. We will keep you up to date with DCC business as often as we can over the course of the year

WANTED - CYCLISTS AND WALKERS

Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust
Sponsored Ride and Stride Saturday 14th September 2013.

Teams or individuals required for the annual event. Cycle round as many churches as you can or take a leisurely stroll round just a few, the money will go half towards any church of your choice and half to the Trust. For information see the notice board in the foyer.

Today – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 10.30am Worship for Everyone with Rosemary Humphrey.
'God is in the river' Ezekiel 47:1-12 and Psalm 1
- 4.00pm Thanksgiving for Alice Baker
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Mike Palfreyman. 'Inspire'
Psalm 119:17-32, 2 Cor:8 1-9 and Heb 11:29-12:2

Next Sunday: Trinity 13

- 10.30am Worship for Everyone and Holy Communion with
Revd Garth Nathaniel. 'God is in the Desert' Luke 4:1-13
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Philip Williams.
Readings: Psalm 119:49-72 and Isaiah 30:8-21.



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.
- ❖ Jo Adams.
- ❖ Lynda and Geoff Adams
- ❖ Eileen and Rob Truman
- ❖ Peggy Snellgrove.
- ❖ Sylvia Czink and family.
- ❖ June Young and family.
- ❖ Roy Bush and Zami Sawa.
- ❖ Allison and Rosie as they undertake ministry training.
- ❖ Children's and Jump Leaders.
- ❖ Bowls and parents and toddlers groups.