



The Collect of the Day

Everlasting God,
 you have ordained and constituted
 the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
 grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
 so, at your command,
 they may help and defend us on earth;
 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. Amen



Saturday morning 'Praying for St John's' is at 9am in church for around an hour. Please make this a firm date in your diaries, and join us in this activity, the most important thing that we do as a church!

Bottle tops

Sue Palfreyman would like any bottle tops from plastic milk containers please bring them in and leave in the foyer or hand to Sue. Many thanks.

Diary

Tues 8 th Oct-5 th Nov	Creation a celebration-Emmanuel Church.
Wed 9 th Oct 1pm	Funeral of Ferdinand (Fred) Powell; 1pm in St John's church, followed by burial at 2pm.
Thur 10 th Oct	WARM day at Holland House.
Sat 12 th Oct	DCC Away Day Inkberrow.
Sat 13 th Oct 4.00pm	Thanksgiving for Carter Harris in church.
Sat 13 th Oct	Farewell in the Cathedral for Bishop David, as he leaves to become Bishop of Manchester.
Wed 23 rd Oct 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at Christ Church.
Thur 21 st Nov 7.30pm	Living Faith - Matt Summerfield.
Sat 7 th Dec 10-12noon	Messy Church
Sat 5 th April 2014	Diocese Children's Training - Worcester.

Sunday 29th September

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Bishop Michael Nazir Ali

Those who attended the Living Faith seminar with Bishop Michael and would like to make a donation to cover his travel expenses, please can you put the money in the collection box clearly marked, or hand to church treasurer Annette Humphrey - thank you.

Thank you

Over the summer we received 2 thank you cards that you may wish to read relating to St John's support for the local young people at Soul Survivor. You will find them on the notice board in the foyer.

Harvest 2013

Welcome to our service of Harvest Thanksgiving, when we give thanks to God for the many blessings that he showers on us. Welcome especially to Sharon, from Nightstop, a local organisation that we support regularly, and where our gifts of produce will be going today.

Harvest is a time when we remember God's love and compassion for us in providing the things we need day by day, and he is looking for a spiritual harvest in us, too.

This is where Psalm 146 is so amazing: 'The Lord made everything, and he is faithful to us for ever...he upholds the cause of the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry; he sets prisoners free, and gives sight to the blind...he always watches over us.'

The question for us is: Are we prepared as a church to have that same compassion and love and care for those who may not have the same blessings that we have? Worth thinking about!

Every blessing,
 Gary

Chocolate champion for the Real Advent Calendar -could this be you?

Following on from the Real Easter Egg that many of you support, Tesco is stocking the Real Advent Calendar from 7th October! Look out for it in-store and buy it to put Christ back into Christmas. Tesco has offered a "collect from store" and a "home delivery" distribution service for bulk church orders too if anyone wants to be a champion for the campaign - poster in the foyer. Dot can't cope with this as well as Easter eggs!!
www.realadvent.co.uk.

St John's has talent

If you are going to Cloverley next weekend - don't forget to pack your "party piece" whatever that may be for the Saturday night entertainment. There is a long tradition of good family fun on our Saturday nights at Cloverley. Come prepared to enjoy yourself - and to participate. Whatever your talent - mime, poetry, music (instruments/singing), acting, conjuring - share it with us. Great idea to get a few folk together for a sketch. Surprising hidden talents emerge on these occasions. Acts should be generally no more than 3 mins long. Please tell Dot or Andy if you have an item. They will vet the item for suitability and their decision is final!!



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.
- ❖ Kathleen Powell and family.
- ❖ Jo, Grace, Sophie and Lydia Adams.
- ❖ Lynda and Geoff Adams
- ❖ Eileen and Rob Truman
- ❖ Peggy Snellgrove.
- ❖ Sylvia Czink and family.
- ❖ June Young and family.
- ❖ Allison, Rosie and Maureen undertaking ministry training.
- ❖ Children's groups, Bowls, Jump and Parent and Toddlers.
- ❖ Cloverley leaders, all who are going and those who are not.
- ❖ Parish Alpha course.

Today – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning worship and Harvest Service with Maureen Hughes, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking.

Children's Groups.

6.30pm Taize style evening worship with Rob Quarton.

Next Sunday: Trinity 19

10.30am Morning worship with Phil Wikins, Phil will be speaking on 2 Timothy 1 1:14 and Psalm 37 1-9.

6.30pm Evening service and Holy Communion with Pastor Gary Noyes. Gary will be speaking on Nehemiah 5:1-13 and John 9: 1-34.

This week:

Monday		Bowls in the hall
Tuesday	10.00-12noon	Parents and toddlers
Wednesday	7.00pm	Alpha at Christ Church
Thursday	10.00-12noon	Parents and toddlers
	7.30pm	PCC at St John's
Friday		Weekend at Cloverley
Saturday	10-5pm	Creation and Creativity -Feckenham
		Festival of Healing at Worcester Cathedral.

A 'precise' message from Dr John Inge - Bishop of Worcester, the complete letter is available on the board in the foyer to read.

Although the 5th round of treatment did not go well for Denise, the Doctors remain confident they have caught the cancer in time. Denise also remains confident in God's healing purposes and power. Please continue to pray that this wretched tumour will shrink completely. Some people are kindly fasting as well as praying for Denise (see the All Saints, Worcester, and the Diocese of Worcester websites for details if you feel you would like to join them). Please also pray for grace and strength for the Bishop and for their girls in the midst of this testing time.

Quiet day next Saturday

The Old Rectory in Feckenham a day retreat, ran by Rev Sue Barrett and husband are opening their doors for a taster 'quiet day' 10am-5pm, next Saturday. Lunch is provided and donations rather than a set price is requested, with optional activities in woodwork, art and felting stones. See the notice board for more information or call Sue on 07825030607. Booking required please.