

Collect of the day

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Update on Denise Inge

Denise had a CT scan just over a month after her sixth round of chemotherapy and was told what it revealed at an appointment with her oncologist last Friday. The news he gave her was good – the sarcoma has shrunk in volume by about a third. Bearing in mind that we were told before chemo began that there was only a 25% chance that the tumour would respond to chemo at all this is very good news – and an answer to prayer.

We are immensely grateful for the prayers which, we are sure, have been effective in enabling this outcome. They have also sustained us to this point. Please pray that the tumour will continue to shrink to an extent that more chemo will not be necessary – either because it will have disappeared, or because surgery will have become possible. Please also continue to pray for grace and strength for us all, particularly for our girls, at what remains a very testing time.

Dr John Inge,
Bishop of Worcester

Diary

Tues 26th Nov 7.45pm Annual Renewal of Licenses of Eucharistic Assistants and Authorisation of ALMs, at St Bartholomew's, Tardebigge.

Thur 28th Nov 7.45pm JUMP Team meet with Sarah Brush and Gary; in Upper Room of church hall.

Sat 30th Nov Visit by St John's to Woodrow to give out Christmas invitations; all welcome. (See Gary for more details.)

Sun 1st Dec Thanksgiving service for Lacey Myers; 4pm in church

Sun 1st Dec Prayer Partners crafty Christmas event.

Sat 7th Dec 10-12noon Messy Church.

Sat 7th Dec 2pm Christmas Fayre in the hall.

Sat 25th Jan Xample conference.

Sat 5th April 2014 Diocese Children's Training - Worcester.



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Sunday 17th November

A very warm welcome to St John's!

JUMP Youth Service this evening

Please come along and support the young people from Jump who have been working hard to prepare for this evening's service. Donations of cakes gratefully received.

Living Faith – this Thursday Matt Summerfield

Since 1906 Urban Saints (formerly known as Crusaders) has been reaching out to children and young people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

They do this primarily by resourcing and supporting churches and volunteer youth and children's groups through their Energize resource package. They also offer life-changing experiences for children and young people.

Matt Summerfield Chief Executive of Urban Saints (Winner of Best Christian Organisation - Christian New Media Awards 2010) will be visiting St John's in this Thursday at 7.30pm to speak to us about 'Evangelism in the 21st Century'. Please try and join us.

Pastors Piece

PLEDGE SUNDAY 2013

Please read your letter and pledge form, and pray carefully about what God is asking you to do. We are faced with some challenges as a church, and we are also wanting to maintain our calling and witness to our part of the Ipsley Parish, as well as meet our responsibility to wider world mission.

Regular giving to God's work is, in fact, part of our worship response to the God who loves us, and he calls us to build it into our discipleship in a serious way. Thank you for all you do and give already, and for being partners in this ministry.

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Panto at Woodrow Community Centre

The well loved family pantomime Dick Whittington will be on at the newly refurbished Woodrow Community Centre this November. The show is on Friday 29th Nov 7.30pm and Saturday 30th Nov 2.30pm matinee or 7.30pm evening performance. Tickets cost £10 Adults and £8 for children/ concessions. If you would like to buy a ticket contact Jackie Perry on 01527 525 699.

Annual Service for the Celebration and Renewal of Lay Ministry

Preacher: Revd. Garth Nathaniel, Rural Dean of Bromsgrove.
Whatever your ministry...whether it is caring for the church and keeping it clean, serving on the DCC, or helping with our youth and children, or anything in the way of service: this is a general invitation to all, not just those with official authorisation from the Bishop!.
Tuesday 26th November 7.45pm.

Prayer Partners Go Creative this Christmas

The children of St John's together with their Prayer Partners will be getting crafty directly after the Worship for Everyone service on Sunday 1st December 2013. This will take place in the Church Hall with a light 'Bring & Share' lunch and finish around 1:30PM.

This is a lovely opportunity for the children and their dedicated prayer partners to meet and make some meaningful Christmas decorations together. We do hope that all the children and their prayer partners will be able to join in what we trust will be a special occasion during Advent. Visiting children are very welcome to join in the fun too.

Invitations will be circulating so please make sure that you receive one. An early response would be appreciated. If you have any questions please speak to Vicky Skelton.

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre is at 2pm on the 7th December in the hall. Donations gratefully received of bottles for the bottle tombola, chocolates for the chocolate tombola and general tombola items. Also cakes, mince pies etc on the day would be appreciated.

Today – Second before Advent

10.30am Morning Worship 'Pledge Sunday' with Peter McLaren and Pastor Gary Noyes

6.30pm Jump Youth Service.

Next Sunday: Christ the King

10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion with Vicki Quarton and Pastor Gary Noyes. Luke 23:33-43 and Colossians 1:15-20.

6.30pm Joint service at St Peters, no service at St John's.

This week

Monday	1.00pm	Bowls.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
Wednesday	7.00pm-9.30pm	Alpha at Christ Church.
Thursday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.30pm	Living Faith – Matt Summerfield.
Saturday	9.00am	Prayer in church.

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.
- ❖ Family of Jean Richards.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Planning for the Jump Youth Service and all involved.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal

Please return the filled shoeboxes by 20th November for onward transportation. The shoeboxes this year are going to children in Krykistan in North Russia, where it is very cold.

