



**CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S.....**

- 8<sup>th</sup> December..Christingle Service at 4.30pm**
- 15<sup>th</sup> .....Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> .....Children's Nativity Service at 10.30am**
- Christmas Praise; (Carol requests) at 6.30pm**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service at 11.15pm**
- CHRISTMAS DAY..Family Worship at 10.30am**

**Diary**

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** Thanksgiving service for Lacey Myers; 4pm in church
- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** Prayer Partners crafty Christmas event.
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10-12noon** Messy Church.
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm** Christmas Fayre in the hall.
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec through to Christmas Day** – see Christmas at St John’s above.

**2014**

- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan** 10.00-12.00 noon Messy Church
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan** Xample conference
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Mar** Messy Easter
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May** Messy Church
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July** Messy Church
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sep** Messy Church
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** Messy Christmas 2014
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Apr** Diocese Children’s Training - Worcester.



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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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



**Next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Christmas leaflet drop on Woodrow; 10-12noon meet outside Oasis shop. This is a great opportunity to invite the community to our Christmas services at St John's.

**Wanted**

Messy church are in need of collage materials specifically for a Shepherds & Angels collage for our Christmas Messy church on 7<sup>th</sup> December, if you can help please see Dot.

Also if you can help make 2 dozen small cakes with a Christmas theme please let Dot know.

**Pastors Piece**

Not only is it Christ the King today, (Sunday before Advent), but it is also Stir-up Sunday! In addition, tonight we have our Joint Service with Garth over at St Peter's, and it would be good to see as many from St John's as possible, as we worship together as a parish, and welcome Garth and Jenny back from their travels.

We worship an amazing Saviour; as one of the Bible readings for today says: *'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation...he is the head of the body, the church...God has reconciled all things to himself, whether things on earth, or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.'* (Colossians 1:15-20)

Every blessing,  
Gary

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### **What is Your Response to Pledge Sunday?**

Last Sunday we considered the financial needs here at St John's and how we can help. Have you considered prayerfully what you can give? If you were not at the morning service last Sunday, please take a copy of the letter and pledge form (on the foyer table) which we handed out last week. Everyone has a part to play to help reduce the financial deficit which will allow us to continue with our church and community outreach activities, to help fund our overseas mission support and to provide money for repairs to our buildings and replace life-expired equipment. Please hand your completed pledge forms to Annette - and do ask if you have any questions about giving, Gift Aid etc.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Christingle**

We would like to provide refreshments including mince pies following the Christingle service this year. Donations of mince pies would be appreciated (please check use by dates) many thanks.

### **Today - 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.

### **Next Sunday**

10.30am Morning service with Rosie Humphrey.

6.30pm Evening service and Holy Communion with Revd Garth Nathaniel.

### **This week**

Monday	1.00pm	Bowls.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	Annual Renewal of Licenses of Eucharistic Assistants and Authorisation of ALMs.
Wednesday	7.00pm-9.30pm	Alpha at Christ Church.
Thursday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	JUMP Team meet with Sarah Brush and Gary.
Saturday	9.00am	Prayer in church.
	10-12noon	Christmas leaflet drop on Woodrow.

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### **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.