



New series

The Bible Society would like you to know a new Bible TV series has started on Channel 5 from 30 November at 9pm! If you catch it, let us know what you think.

Town Carols and Chaplaincy

The Town Carols hosted by Redditch Churches Together will take place on the 21st December in Worcester Square (by Esquires Café) at 11am. This is an opportunity to remind shoppers of the real meaning of Christmas and is generally very much appreciated by shoppers, please join in if you can. **The Town Centre Chaplains** in the run up to Christmas will be serving the shop workers with refreshments from one of the shop units, please pray for this ministry and if anyone would like to help-out please see Sharon.

Diary

- Sat 7th Dec 10-12noon** Messy Church.
- Sat 7th Dec 2pm** Christmas Fayre in the hall.
- Sun 8th Dec through to Christmas Day** – see Christmas at St John's above.
- Sat 21st Dec 11am** Redditch Churches Together Christmas Carols.
- 2014**
- Sat 4th Jan** St John's New Year Party in the hall.
- Sat 18th Jan 10.00-12.00 noon** Messy Church at Woodrow.
- Sat 25th Jan** Xample conference.
- Sat 22nd Feb** Walk through the Bible at Christ Church.
- Sat 29th Mar** Messy Easter.
- Sat 17th May** Messy Church.
- Sat 19th July** Messy Church.
- Sat 27th Sep** Messy Church.
- Sat 29th Nov** Messy Christmas 2014.
- Sat 5th Apr** Diocese Children's Training - Worcester.

Sunday 1st December

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Prayer

Please pray for Gary, his mother and two sisters, and April and the boys following the death of Gary's father last Saturday- thank you.

Prayer, Fellowship, Teaching (PFT)

PFT will meet on Thursday (5th Dec) at 7.45pm at Peter and Eileen's house.

New Year Party

Saturday 4th January is the date for St John's New Year Celebrations, please put the date in the diary more information will be available soon.

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S.....

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

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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.

Christmas Fayre next Saturday and Christingle Sunday

This year's Christmas Fayre is next Saturday at 2pm 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. See Eileen.

Christingle 4.30pm Sunday

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

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 today. 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 today too.

A special 'public panel'

has been called as part of discussions on improving cemeteries and other bereavement services in the Redditch area.

Redditch Borough Council is inviting residents to join a 30-strong panel for a half-day session designed to gather opinions and help understand what people feel about existing services.

An identical session is also being run in the same week specifically for groups with an interest in bereavement services, such as religious organisations and funeral directors.

The residents' panel will be on Tuesday December 10 and the 'interest groups' panel will be on Thursday December 12. If you would like to take part in either session, please contact Ian Gregory or Sharron Kibble on 01527 62174.

Today – First Sunday of Advent

10.30am Worship For Everyone service with Rosie Humphrey.
Prayer Partners crafty Christmas event after the service.

4.00pm Thanksgiving service for Lacey Myers

6.30pm Evening service and Holy Communion with Revd Garth Nathaniel

Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent.

10.30am Morning service led by Maureen Hughes with Revd Garth Nathaniel.

4.30pm Vicki Quarton will be leading us in the St John's Christingle.

This week

Monday	1.00pm	Bowls.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
Wednesday	7.00pm-9.30pm	Alpha at Christ Church.
Thursday	10.00am 7.45pm	Parents and toddlers. PFT at Peter and Eileen's.
Saturday	9.00am 10.00-12noon	Prayer in church. Messy Church at Woodrow
Sunday	2pm-4pm 4.30pm	Christmas Fayre in the Hall. Christingle.

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.
- ❖ Gary, April and family.
- ❖ 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.

