

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 22nd February -Walk through the Old Testament at Christ Church. This ministry puts together the BIG PICTURE of the Bible, bringing it to life, in a fun day. More information nearer the time but if you'd like to know your Bible better, put this in your diary.

Still some squares left

If you haven't bought a square of carpet towards the cost of the carpet in the back room of the hall and would like to please see Ann, if you can gift aid, please do as 4 people gift aiding pays for a square. Thank you.

A big **Thank You** to all who sang in the streets on Tuesday, Ann who supplied refreshments, all who supplied mince pies etc for the Christmas Services and those who helped make The Woodrow Carols a great success.

Diary

2014

Sat 4th Jan 6.30pm St John's New Year Party in the hall.

Sun 12th Jan 10.30am Joint service of renewal/recommitment at Ipsley Academy.

Tues 14th Jan Standing committee at the Vicarage.

Sat 18th Jan 10.00-12.00 noon Messy Church at Woodrow.

Mon 21st Jan 7.45pm DCC in the church.

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.



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Sunday 22nd December

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Joint Parish Service

There will be a service of renewal/recommitment/coming together as a parish in a special service on 12th January 10.30am at Ipsley Academy (formerly Ipsley Middle School) Winyates Way. We are all encouraged to attend. Please see Gary for further information.

New Year Party

You will hopefully now have details of the New Year Celebrations, 6.30pm-9pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome, please bring food and drink to share. If you need a lift please speak with Sharon 01527 541492, if you haven't been before speak with Andy or Dot or others from St John's who can let you know a little more.

Pastors Piece

A very Happy Christmas to you all!

We have our Children's Nativity this morning, and Christmas Praise tonight, and then we're into Christmas week!

Let's remember, as we dash around trying to fit everything in, that God is in ultimate control of our lives, and he loves us more than we will ever know. We can rest in the very centre of that love, which was made manifest in Jesus at Christmas. He is saying to us: 'There is nowhere else that you need to turn to find rest and peace for your souls; I've given you everything in my Son.'
This is the best news we will ever hear, and we can daily be renewed by God's Spirit. This Christmas, let us be drawn in wonder at heaven touching earth!

Every blessing,
Gary and April



Foodbank

Thank you for continuing to donate to the foodbank, the need in the Town continues and will increase it is anticipated in the new year. If everyone brought ONE ITEM it would soon mount up.

And although we tend to think families need the most help, by far the greatest category of people needing help is singles, so small sized items are really valued. Just as everyone needing help is different, so are each of our circumstances. Some of us will be more able to provide items like tinned meat, tinned fruit or fruit juice than others. As a reminder the suggested list is below, although if you have something in the cupboard not needed but it isn't on the list please bring it in. People using the foodbank are redirected from such places as Citizens Advice Bureau, Redditch Borough Council, Nightstop etc, if you have time to spare to volunteer at the warehouse, please speak with Barry.

FOOD BANK SHOPPING LIST

UHT or powdered milk
500g sugar Soup
Fruit juice Cereals
Tinned Sponge pudding
Tinned tomatoes Jam
Tinned Rice pudding Soap
Tea bag s /Instant coffee
Instant mashed potato Pasta
Tinned meat / fish Rice
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fruit Deodorant
Biscuits or snack bars
Pasta sauces Toothpaste
Tinned Beans

Collect of the Day

**God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Today – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am Nativity service led by the children of our church.

6.30pm Christmas praise with Pastor Gary Noyes

Christmas Eve

11.15pm Holy Communion service with Revd Richard Bubbers.

Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Day praise with Pastor Gary Noyes and April.

Next Sunday –Christmas 1

10.30am Morning worship with Pastor Gary Noyes. 'Out of Egypt'
Readings: Matthew 2: 13-23 and Isaiah 63: 7-9.

6.30pm No evening service at St Johns

Activities resume January 2014

Saturday 4 th January	6.30-9pm	New Year Party.
Monday	1.30pm	Bowls.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
Thursday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The helpers and visitors of the Winter shelter.

