



**Collect of the day**

Almighty God,  
 whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
 the wonder of your saving presence:  
 renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
 and in all our weakness  
 sustain us by your mighty power;  
 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

**Walk Through the Bible**

Often we look at small passages in the Bible and apply them to our daily lives, but how often do we lose our way? Walk Through the Bible Ministries bring the Bible to life and offer a most enjoyable way to learn about the Old and New Testaments. On Saturday 22nd February we will be 'walking through the Old Testament' at Christ Church from 9.30 – 4.00pm and the cost is £14 per person (please see Gary if payment causes a problem), which includes the event workbook but please bring lunch; drinks will be provided. Children between 11 and 16 years attend free when accompanied by an adult but won't receive a workbook. It is not considered helpful for under 11s. Booking forms will be available shortly.

**Diary**

Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30p	PCC at Christ Church.
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.45p	Standing committee in the Vicarage.
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.45am	Gary etc at Kingsley College.
Sat 22nd Feb	Walk through the Bible
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.45pm	DCC meeting in church.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT ST JOHNS
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	WARM Day at Holland House
Sat 29th Mar	Messy Easter.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ordination of Pastor Gary Noyes.
Sat 17th May	Messy Church.
Sat 19th July	Messy Church.
Sat 27th Sep	Messy Church.
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	WARM Day at Holland House
Sat 29th Nov	Messy Christmas 2014.
Sat 5th Apr	Diocese Children's Training - Worcester.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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

**Announcement regarding Pastor Gary Noyes  
 from the Bishop's Office**

'Gary has given exemplary service as Lay Pastor for which we all give thanks. He now feels a call to ordained ministry and I and others responsible for the discernment of vocations are confident that this is of God. I am delighted, therefore, to announce that Gary will be ordained Deacon on Sunday 29 June and priest at a later date. He will continue thereafter in his present post. I commend him to your prayers.'

**Pastors Piece**

Come as you are! God calls us to be his church from all sorts of places and backgrounds, and I've just come back from a Bishop's Teaching Morning where the main speaker was Alison Morgan, from ReSource. (Some of you know her;) She reminded us that we belong to a church which is set in the midst of a society where people can feel a loss of purpose, and yet are searching for faith and an authentic spirituality, coupled with questions about what true happiness/contentment really looks like. That same society is asking: 'What has the Church to offer me?' I think that people are more interested in Jesus, and not so much the church. That's the point...the key value of Jesus is not money, or fame, or materialism, but love and acceptance of who we are, and he bursts onto the scene with new life, and the real story of God's plan! That is what we, as a church, are called to exemplify and tell people about.

Every blessing,  
 Gary

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## **Lent Course**

There will not be a joint Lent Course with St Peter's this year, but we wanted to give St John's the opportunity to have one if enough people were interested. It would be held over the course of 4/5 Thursday evenings during Lent at the home of Peter and Eileen Bishop. We are inviting those interested to suggest topics/material for the evenings, as well as subjects that Gary might choose. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the next two weeks, for those who wish to join.

There is an old Christian tradition  
that God sends each person into this world  
with a special message to deliver,  
with a special song to sing for others,  
with a special act of love to bestow.  
No one else can speak my message,  
or sing my song,  
or offer my act of love,  
These are entrusted only to me. (John Powell.)

## **St John's is now linked to the Kigezi Water & Sanitation Project**

This month St John's has pledged £1000 p/a to the Kigezi Diocese Water & Sanitation project in Uganda. The money will be sent via Tearfund's Connected Church programme, so we are joining other UK churches in this project which will help people living in rural areas of Kigezi Diocese obtain clean safe water for drinking, improve sanitation, HIV education and practical support to the communities affected. The Anglican churches in Kigezi play a direct part in the project, providing training in agriculture, environmental conservation, health and hygiene education. The project has funded rainwater tanks, water pipes and taps which have improved the health and livelihoods of many people and allowed more children to attend schools regularly. St John's supported another water project 15 years ago in Uganda, when we helped fund wells in Bulenge, in the Busoga Diocese, so its really good news that we are able to give to churches in another part of Uganda to provide safe clean water to local communities.

***Please support this project in your prayers, giving and interest. More details can be found on the display board in church, on Tearfund's website or talk to Andy Bevington.***

## **WARM events**

The next WARM Day is at Holland House on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3pm. The speaker will be Dr. Michael Harper, who currently works as a General Practitioner. Michael has wide ranging experience and is a former Director of Burrswood Christian Hospital and Place of Healing and he is a specialist in Palliative Care. He is currently the Chairman of the Diocesan Healing Advisory Group. His topic will be "Healing the Whole Person: A Christian Doctor Reflects" and will share about the importance of including prayer in the healing process. Please book through [Robert@hallowchurch.co.uk](mailto:Robert@hallowchurch.co.uk) 01905 748711

## **Today – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

- 10.30am Morning worship and Holy Communion with Revd Richard Bubbers and Pastor Gary Noyes. 'Come as you are' Matthew 4:12-23 and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18.
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Maureen Hughes will be speaking on Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 and 1 Peter 1:3-12

## **Next Sunday - Candlemas**

- 10.30am Worship For Everyone morning service with Dot Bevington.
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes.

## **Next week**

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| Monday    | 1.30pm  | Bowls.                                    |
|           | 8.00pm  | Healing Team meet in church               |
| Tuesday   | 10.00am | Parents and toddlers.                     |
|           | 7.45pm  | Jump meet with Sarah Brush                |
| Wednesday | 7.30pm  | Life Worth Living course at Matchborough. |
|           | 7.45pm  | Jump in the hall                          |
| 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.

