



Collect of the day

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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

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

St John's has pledged £1000 per annum 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.

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.

Diary

Sat 22nd Feb	Walk through the Bible
Tue 25 th Feb 7.45pm	DCC meeting in church.
Wed 26 th Feb 7.45pm	Children's leaders meeting.
Wed 5 th Mar	JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT ST JOHNS
Thu 6 th Mar	WARM Day at Holland House
Sat 29 th Mar	Messy Easter.
Sat 17 th May	Messy Church.
Sun 29 th Jun	Ordination of Pastor Gary Noyes.
Sat 19 th July	Messy Church.
Sat 27 th Sep	Messy Church.
Thu 16 th Oct	WARM Day at Holland House
Sat 29 th Nov	Messy Christmas 2014.
Sat 5 th Apr	Diocese Children's Training - Worcester.

Sunday 9th February 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Prayer for the life of St John's

Don't forget that we meet to pray for the life of St John's every Saturday morning at 9am for half an hour or so. Join us if you can! please be praying for 2 new DCC members and one warden.

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.

Pastors Piece

Jesus said, in Matthew 5: 'You are the salt of the earth.' You are the light of the world.'

This is the way it is, if we are called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and if we decide to seriously follow that call. If we are people who have received blessing from God, then we are immediately called by Jesus to actually be a blessing to all we come into contact with, and that's where salt and light come in. We're not called light and salt in the world, but of the world, which I think is much more significant, and much more challenging.

So, during this coming week, let's decide in our heart to bring that quality of wholeness to wherever we are, so that God can transform what might be a difficult situation into one that will be a blessing to all. We reflect the light that comes from Jesus himself. (John 8:12) A small candle can light a whole room, after all!

Every blessing,

Gary

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DCC Members and Church Warden

Would you like to be involved in decision making within St John's and help make sure the church runs smoothly, 2 new members of the DCC are needed and a Church Warden, to find out more see Ann or Barry, or ask any of the DCC members what is involved.

Walk Through the Bible

If you have signed up or in the process of signing up for 'walking through the Old Testament' at Christ Church on 22nd February, please note a light lunch will now be provided; If there are any special dietary requirements you may wish to contact Christ Church to let them know.

Easter Eggs – last chance to order

Today is the last day to order your Charity Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs, there are 3 options £3.99 for one egg with buttons and story book, £9.99 for a block of chocolate, egg and wooden holding cross and £19.99 for 20 small eggs and 20 Easter story books, all include a charity donation - please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. *A sizeable donation from profits and Fairtrade Premium fees, go to fairtrade farmers allowing them to invest in their community buying everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water.*

Thank you to all for your ongoing support. Tesco has now provided a permanent collection point in store and will add 30% to these donations. This is in addition to the 'big' collection days, so thanks to them. We will still be collecting at St John's if this is your preferred way of donating.

Children's social – film and pizza night

This Friday 14th February 6.00-8.30pm at Dot and Andy's 54 Lineholt Lane for Explorers and Pathfinders. Please complete and bring the signed form with you, we will be watching 'Wallace and Gromit – The Curse of the Were Rabbit'

Town Prayer

This Tuesday at St Stephens there will be prayers for our Town 7pm, tea and coffee provided. Topics suggested so far include; Batchley, those involved in supporting single mothers, and the events planned for the 50th anniversary of the New Town Charter.

Today – 4th Sunday before Lent

10.30am Morning worship with Vicki Quarton, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on 'Essential Presence' Matthew 5: 13-20 and 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16.

6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes. Ephesians 4: 17-end and Mark 1: 29-39.

Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday before Lent

10.30am Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on 'Anger Management' Matthew 5: 21-37 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9.

6.30pm Evening worship with Rosemary Humphrey, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Ephesians 5:1-17 and Mark 1:40-end.

Next week

Monday	1.30pm	Bowls.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	Standing committee meet.
	7.00pm	Town Prayers at St Stephens.
Wednesday	7.30pm	Life Worth Living course at Matchborough.
	7.45pm	Jump in the hall
Thursday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
Friday	6-8.30pm	Children's social pizza and film night.
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.
- ❖ New DCC members and Church Warden.