



Parish Prayer Meeting dates

Below are the dates and venues for the Parish Prayer meet ups, please try and attend. The meetings start at 7.30pm lasting for about an hour.
 Monday 10th March at St John's
 Tuesday 10th June at St Peter's
 Tuesday 16th September at Christ Church
 Tuesday 2nd December at St John's

AGM

This year's AGM will be on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.45pm in the church, please come along.

WARM Day at Holland House, Crophorne 6th March

A really encouraging day meeting with Christians from the diocese. Dr. Michael Harper will speak on 'Healing the Whole Person: A Christian Doctor Reflects.' Cost is £15 (including lunch)
 Book through Robert Latham 01905 748711 by 3rd March.

Diary

Wed 5 th Mar	JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT ST JOHNS
Thu 6 th Mar	WARM Day at Holland House
Fri 7 th Mar	Women's World Day of Prayer at St John's.
Mon 10 th Mar 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at St John's
Tue 11 th Mar 7.45pm	Standing committee at the Vicarage.
Fri 14 th Mar 2.45pm	Card making with Linda Adams.
Sat 29 th Mar	Messy Easter.
Sat 17 th May	Messy Church.
Wed 2 nd April	St John's AGM
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 23rd February 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

ASH Wednesday service

The joint ASH Wednesday service on 5th March will take place here at St John's 7.30pm, please put the date in the diary and attend if you can.

Pastors Piece

Garth and I had a really great time at Kingsley College recently, having been invited to speak on the subject of 'Christianity and War,' but also to share our own journey to faith in Christ. The questions that came back were amazing! (We were speaking to different groups;) This is all part of our SPICE project, and was a fantastic opportunity. They even asked us back! This is what Garth said about it:

'Earlier today, I was at Kingsley College, along with Pastor Gary Noyes. We were teaching a group of 14 year olds as part of their RE curriculum. While the day was meant to be talking about war, we were asked to share our stories of how we had come to faith. What an opportunity! One of the girls asked me, "How do you know God is speaking to you?" Wow! What an opening. This opened up the conversation to talk about how we "hear" God. As a Christian I have never questioned how I hear God. It has been one those things that I thought happened naturally. In growing in my Christian life and walk with God, I also grew to recognise God's voice. I made mistakes in my earlier years, often mistaking the desires of my heart for the voice of God, but with the help of mature Christians around me, I grew to recognise God's voice.'

So, keep on praying for our community, and also that we, too, may hear God's authentic voice clearly.

Every blessing,
 Gary

The Collect of the day

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. Amen

Women's World Day of Prayer

This is arranged by women for men, women and children. This year's service will be here at St John's on Friday 7th March, 7.30pm. The speaker will be Norma Walters.

DCC Members and Church Warden

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

Card Making

Card making recommencing, this time at Linda Adams house, 33, Atherstone Close, Matchborough East, on Friday, March 14th starting at 1pm and finishing at approx. 2.45pm. Drinks and biscuits provided. No charge this time, but will be £1.50 in future.

Lent Course.

The subject for the four weeks -6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of March, 7.45pm at Eileen and Peter's house - will be A CALL TO PRAYER. There will be some teaching on the why, what, how, when and where of prayer. The main emphasis will be practical discussion and sharing, learning, and praying together. We believe God is calling us individually and as a church to give greater priority to our prayer life. (2 Chronicles 7v14).

Walk through the Bible

Yesterday's Walk through the Old Testament was an excellent event, a follow up Walk Through the Bible - New Testament will be taking place in September, look out for the date in due course.

Today - 2nd Sunday before Lent

- 10.30am Holy Communion and Prayer for Healing with Revd Richard Bubbers, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on 'Going beyond' Matthew 5:38-48 and 1 Corinthians 3:10-23.
- 6.30pm Evening worship and healing service with Pastor Gary Noyes.

Next Sunday - 1st Sunday before Lent

- 10.30am Worship for everyone with Rosie Humphrey.
- 6.30pm Evening Worship and Holy Communion with Pastor Gary Noyes, Revd Richard Harding will be speaking on 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Matthew 17:9-23.

Next week

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| Monday | 1.30pm | Bowls. |
| Tuesday | 10.00am | Parents and toddlers |
| | 7.45pm | DCC meeting |
| Wednesday | 7.30pm | Life Worth Living course at Matchborough. |
| | 7.45pm | Jump in the hall. |
| | 7.45pm | Childrens leaders meeting. |
| Thursday | 10am | 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.
- ❖ New DCC members and church warden.
- ❖ Lent course.