



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.

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

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 22 nd Mar 6-8pm	Church quiz night.
Tue 25 th Mar 7.45pm	DCC meeting.
Sat 29 th Mar	Messy Easter.
Sat 17 th May	Messy Church.
Tue 1 st April	Children's leaders meeting.
Wed 2 nd April	St John's AGM
Sat 12 th April 9.30am	Church work in.
Sat afternoon	Scramblers and Explorers Easter Social.
Sun 8 th Jun pm	Children's sponsored walk for Tearfund Water Project.
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 2nd March 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

ASH Wednesday service

We hope as many as possible are able to attend the joint ASH Wednesday service this week taking place here at St John's 7.30pm, to welcome folk from other churches in the Parish.

Women's World Day of Prayer – this Friday

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.

Website

A reminder you can hear past talks and keep up to date with what is happening at St John's or in the Parish via www.ipsley.org

Pastors Piece

As we start our new Lent Course on the whole important subject of prayer and praying, I would encourage you to ask God what he would like you to focus on during Lent. A good start would be to join us at our Joint Ash Wednesday Service here at St John's, on 5th at 7.30pm. You could find a special book to read, or plan to spend more time in prayer, or get to grips with a part of the Bible that you are unfamiliar with. The list is endless, but we can all find something. Not so much giving something up, (although that can be a good discipline,) as taking something on!

Here's something to amuse you....So far today, God, I've done alright on my own...I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper; I haven't been nasty, grumpy, or selfish, and I'm really glad of that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help!

Every blessing,

Gary

Pastor Gary Noyes. The Vicarage 29 Sheldon Road, Greenlands,
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The Collect of the day

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Electoral roll opens today

Ahead of the St John's AGM on 2nd April, there will be an opportunity for those aged 16 or over who have been attending St Johns for 6 months or more to join the Electoral Roll. By joining you can vote on matters concerning the church at the AGM and vote for those people who have put themselves forward for your DCC (Diocesan Church Council). Forms are available from Dawn or please ask Ann, Barry or Gary if you want to know more.

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, see Gary if interested.

Social events

There are a number of fun social events organised by church members over the next few months, Ann has kindly made them available via a notice sheet, which is now available. Further information on each event will be advertised here in the notices, so keep an eye out. The first is a Quiz Night being organized by Dawn and Terry on 22nd March 6-8pm, so put the date in the diary.

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).

Today -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 Sunday - 1st Sunday before Lent

10.30am Morning worship with Vicki Quarton, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Genesis 12:15-17 and Romans 5: 12-19. 'Choices and consequences'.

6.30pm Taize evening service with Rob Quarton.

Next week

Monday	1.30pm	Bowls.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers
Wednesday	7.30pm	Parish ASH Wednesday service.
	7.45pm	Jump in the hall.
Thursday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	Lent course at Eileen and Peter Bishops.
Friday	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
Saturday	9.00am	Prayer in church.
	9.30-12.30pm	DCC meeting at Eileen and Peter's.

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.
- ❖ John Beasley as he recovers from chemotherapy.
- ❖ 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.