

## **Card Making**

Card making recommencing, this time at Lynda Adam's house, 33, Atherstone Close, Matchborough East, on Friday, March 28th 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.45pm in the church, please do come along. If you are preparing a report please can you provide it by 23<sup>rd</sup> March – thank you.

## **Diary**

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 6-8pm	Church quiz night.
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 4.00pm	Thanksgiving for Emily Round.
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 7.45pm	DCC meeting.
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1.00pm	Card making at Lynda Adam's
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Messy Easter.
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Messy Church.
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Children's leaders meeting.
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 7.45pm	St John's AGM
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am	Church work in.
Sat afternoon	Scramblers and Explorers Easter Social.
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun pm	Children's sponsored walk for Tearfund Water Project.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ordination of Pastor Gary Noyes.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Messy Church.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Messy Church.
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	WARM Day at Holland House.
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Messy Christmas 2014.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Diocese Children's Training – Worcester.



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**Sunday 9th March 2014**

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

## **Parish Prayer meeting**

The Parish Prayer meeting is to take place 7.30pm tomorrow at St John's, it would be good for as many people who are able, to come along and listen to or pray for the work of the Parish.

## **Lent Course**

Last Thursday's Lent Course on the subject of Prayer was most enjoyable. The course continues this week focusing on listening to God and prayer for our church leaders. Speak with Peter or Eileen Bishop if you would like more information.

## **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 for more information.

## **Pastors Piece**

I've just got back from Ripon College, Cuddesdon, just outside Oxford, where I have been to see the Principal, Professor Martyn Percy, and have a look around the college. It really is an amazing, dynamic place, and specialises in preparing men and women for ministry in the Church of England. The whole atmosphere is pervaded with a desire to seek God in a very deep way, and prayer is at the heart of all they do. The same, I pray, is true of us here at St John's, especially as we make our journey through Lent. It was so good to see so many from Ipsley Parish in St John's on Ash Wednesday, and we all have an opportunity to draw close to God in a special way, to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us throughout this season, and beyond. There are always going to be choices and consequences that we encounter through our lives, which is exactly why we need the courage and peace that only Jesus can bring.

Every blessing,  
Gary

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## **Update from Bishop John**

Dear friends,

Denise has been doing really well recently – so much so that she was able to join me on the Diocesan Pilgrimage I led to the Holy Land in January. It was wonderful to be together in the places where Jesus walked, and where he died and rose again. I was greatly moved by the way in which she was embraced - literally and metaphorically – by our sixty-five fellow pilgrims. The whole experience was an immensely affecting one for us all.

While we were there Denise noticed a change in the tumour, which prompted a scan. The results show that the tumour has grown by two or three centimetres. We have discussed various chemotherapeutic options with the oncologist. Although we are not entirely decided we are thinking that, since the tumour is not compromising Denise's overall health, she will not opt for chemo at the moment. She continues with various alternative therapies.

We greatly appreciate all the love and prayers that continue to sustain us and would be immensely grateful if you would keep on praying for healing. Please also pray for the girls who seem, thankfully, to be well settled at their schools.

God is faithful and we trust in His goodness, loving kindness and healing power.

With my greetings in Christ.

+John

## **Electoral roll open**

Ahead of the St John's AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Forms are available from Dawn or please ask Ann, Barry or Gary for more information.

## **Social events**

Please do come along to St John's Quiz Night being organized by Dawn and Terry on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6-8pm, this is a great event to bring family and friends to - all ages welcome. Donations of cakes/biscuits and soft drinks appreciated, tea and coffee provided.

## **Today –Lent 1**

10.30am Morning worship with Vicki Quarton, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Genesis 12:15-17, 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11 'Choices and consequences'.

6.30pm Taize evening service with Rob Quarton.

## **Next Sunday – Lent 2**

10.30am Morning worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 121. 'Blind Faith.'

6.30pm Evening worship with Mike Palfreyman, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Numbers 21:4-9 and Luke 14:25-35.

## **Next week**

Monday	1.30pm	Bowls.
	7.30pm	Parish Prayers at St Johns.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	Standing committee the vicarage.
Wednesday	7.45pm	Jump in the hall.
Thursday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	Lent course at Eileen and Peter Bishops.
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.
- ❖ 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.