



## **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 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Confirmation service with the Bishop.
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun pm	Children's sponsored walk for Tearfund Water Project.
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting St Peter's.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ordination of Pastor Gary Noyes.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Messy Church.
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Parish Prayer meeting 7.30pm at Christ 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.
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at St John's.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Diocese Children's Training – Worcester.

**Sunday 16th March 2014**

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

## **Lent Course**

This next week (20th) we will be focussing on worship, praise and thanksgiving. Our praying focus will be for our young peoples' ministry. Speak with Peter or Eileen Bishop if you would like more information.

## **Quiz night Saturday**

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.

## **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**

As we continue our journey of faith through Lent, we can think, for example, of Abram, who obeyed God straight away-as soon as he heard from God. He didn't dither, or take ages to make up his mind, but set out with everything he had, and aimed for the land that God had shown him. It's the same for us today, in our own journey of faith: we can trust God and go where he leads us, even though, sometimes, we can't see the whole route! Remember that God is true to himself, and will always keep his promises. The way will be unpredictable, challenging, exciting and an adventure, but we know that God's presence and Spirit will be with us, with our Shepherd, Jesus, leading us every step of the way! The opposite of fear is always courage, and the perfect love of God drives out fear. (1 John 4:18.)

Every blessing,  
Gary

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### **Collect of the day**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Confirmation Service: 13th April, 2014.**

If you feel that God is calling you to be confirmed this year, please speak to Gary in the first instance. This is a very special service with the Bishop in which the candidate has the opportunity to publicly declare his/her faith in the presence of the local worshipping community. In confirmation, we are 'confirming' to all present the promises made on our behalf when we were baptised as infants.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Today –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 Sunday – Lent 3**

- 10.30am Morning service and Holy Communion with Revd Richard Harding, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-42 'Seeing isn't believing'
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Maureen Hughes will be speaking on Joshua 1:1-9 and Ephesians 6:10-20.

### **Next week**

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| Monday    | 1.30pm   | Bowls.                                   |
| Tuesday   | 10.00am  | Parents and toddlers.                    |
| 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.                        |
|           | 6.00-8pm | All age quiz in the hall.                |

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.