



Diary

Mon 14 th April 11am	Chrism Eucharist at Worcester Cathedral.
Thu 17 th April 7.30pm	Agape Maundy Thursday meal at St John's.
Sat 17 th May	Messy Church.
Tue 1 st April	Children's leaders meeting.
Wed 2 nd April 7.45pm	St John's AGM.
Sat 12 th April 9.30am	Church work in.
Sat afternoon	Scramblers and Explorers Easter Social.
Sun 13 th Apr	Confirmation service with the Bishop.
Sun 8 th Jun pm	Children's sponsored walk for Tearfund Water Project.
Tue 10 th June 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting St Peter's.
Sun 29 th Jun	Ordination of Pastor Gary Noyes.
Sat 19 th July	Messy Church.
Tue 16 th Sep	Parish Prayer meeting 7.30pm at Christ Church.
Sat 27 th Sep	Messy Church.
Thu 16 th Oct	WARM Day at Holland House.
Sat 29 th Nov	Messy Christmas 2014.
Tue 2 nd Dec 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at St John's.
Sat 5 th Apr	Diocese Children's Training – Worcester.

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.

Contact

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Sunday 23rd March 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Lent Course

This next week (27th) will focus on praying in the Spirit and Spiritual Warfare. Speak with Peter or Eileen Bishop if you would like more information.

Agape Maundy Thursday meal

St John's and St Peter's will be getting together for an Agape Maundy Thursday meal 7.30pm 17th April, in St John's hall. Please put the date in the diary; further information and a sign up sheet for the bring and share will be available next week.

Quiz night

Thank you to Dawn and Terry for organizing a very enjoyable quiz last night. *On Saturday 26th April 7pm for a 7.30pm start there will be a quiz to raise funds for JUMP young people to go to Soul Survivor. Entry fee is by donation, teams of up to 8 please.*

Pastors Piece

We welcome Emily Round and her family to St John's this afternoon for her special service.

As we think together today (3rd Sunday in Lent) about what we believe, and what actually motivates our lives, let's remember this prayer: (You may wish to take this home with you to pray through the week.)

'We come to you, Eternal God, with our faith and our doubt, our strength and our weakness, our courage and our fear, our failures and successes. We come to you today to be refreshed and cleansed. And, Lord, when our heart is hard and unyielding, strike it gently with your staff of challenging love, so that compassion, honesty, humility and wisdom may flow from it. Refresh me, Lord, and those I will meet this week—all those who I am called to serve. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the living water, today and forever. Amen.

Every blessing,
Gary

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.

Daily Prayer app

Church House Publishing has released a new app to enable people to pray with the aid of their smartphone and tablets. Daily Prayer (a new app for iPhone/ iPad) gives people the ability to follow the daily pattern of morning, evening and night prayer in the words of the Anglican liturgy as part of the rhythm of prayer followed by Christians across the globe. Using text from both Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer, Daily Prayer is available now on iTunes and details can be found at: <http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/our-apps>

Event in Worcester

CHRISM EUCHARIST AT THE CATHEDRAL WITH BISHOP JOHN; 14TH APRIL, AT 11AM. 'All are welcome to this very special service as we prepare for the events of Easter'

Canon Graham Usher

This Tuesday Canon Graham Usher will officially become the next Bishop of Dudley in a special service at St Paul's Cathedral London. Graham will be formally welcomed to the Diocese of Worcester on Saturday 3 May, his ministry in the Diocese, working alongside the Bishop of Worcester, will begin after these services. Further information can be found on the board in the foyer.

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.

Today –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'.

4.00pm Thanksgiving for Emily Round.

6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Maureen Hughes will be speaking on Joshua 1:1-9 and Ephesians 6:10-20.

Next Sunday – Mothering Sunday

10.30am Morning service with Rosemary Humphrey, Allison Davies will be speaking on Luke 2: 25-52 and John 19: 25-27.

6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Gary will be speaking on James 5 and Psalm 31:1-16.

Next week

Monday	1.30pm	Bowls.
Tuesday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	DCC meeting.
Wednesday	7.45pm	Jump in the hall.
Thursday	10.00am	Parents and toddlers.
	7.45pm	Lent course at Eileen and Peter Bishops.
	7.30pm	Licensing of Revd. Paul Irving at Beoley.
Friday	1.00pm-2.45pm	Card making at Lynda Adam's.
Saturday	9.00am	Prayer in church.
	10.00am-12noon	Messy Easter.

Prayer

Please pray for the ministry work within our local schools, the 4U club - a key stage 1 (5-7 year olds) that meets weekly on a Tuesday 3-4pm. There is also a What's Your Point junior youth club on Weds 4:30 - 6pm that Dot assist's at. Also pray ahead of next Saturday's Messy Easter, that the children and parents who regularly come will be able to make it and that new people will come along.

AGM

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