



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.
Fri 18 th Apr	The Good Walk of Witness .
Sun 20 th April	Sonrise Service at top of Brooklyn Hill.
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 6th April 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Lent Course at Peter and Eileen Bishop's

A call to prayer' will be concluding with sharing our responses to the call both individually and corporately.

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 add your name to the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer, it would be lovely to see as many as possible at the meal and to welcome people from St Peter's.

Pastors Piece

We had a very good AGM last Wednesday evening, and were able to praise God for his faithfulness to us as church over the past year. We reminded ourselves about the spiritual impact that our Cloverley Weekend had, and also how many gifted and dedicated people we have in St John's; something to be thankful for! There is such amazing work going on amongst our young people and children and elsewhere, and I'm always struck by the way that people go the extra mile.

(Whether it is Sharon doing the Notices each week, or others who just quietly get on with what they feel called to do.) At St John's this coming year, we are aiming at our five hallmarks: **Passionate Spirituality/Godly and Right Relationships/Responsible Stewardship/Organic Growth/Dedicated Mission.**

We will be hearing more about these later in 2014, and how the DCC and I will be setting the vision for the future.

One sign of a healthy church is when people offer themselves for selection for future ministry, and I am delighted that we have three people who have taken that step: Allison Davies, for ordination, and Rosie and Maureen for Licensed Lay Ministry. Congratulations to Rosie, as she prepares for her licensing in June this year. Please hold them in your prayers as they train. **'The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.'** (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Every blessing,
Gary

Invitation To The Cathedral

Rosie would like to invite you to join her at the Cathedral on Saturday 21st June at 2:30pm, (tbc) when she will be licensed as a Lay Minister (Reader) - along with Linda Nicholas from St Peter's, Chris Tilly from St Peter's in Winyates / Ipsley, Marilyn Bishop from Christ Church, Matchborough and 4 others from elsewhere in the Diocese. Further details to follow.

Sonrise Service

You are invited to a service on Easter morning at 7am on top of Brooklyn Hill (the hill in Arrow Valley park behind what used to be Brooklyn Garage, is now Bristol Street Motors) with members from churches across the town. People tend to park in Colts Lane, Winyates West and as you cross Battens Drive the path up to the Hill is straight ahead.

Easter services and visiting Woodrow

We are planning two visits to Woodrow to give out invitations to our Easter services at St John's; 8th and 10th April, both from 6.30-8pm. This has always been a great blessing in the past, and it gives us a fantastic opportunity to introduce ourselves to people in our part of the parish! If you feel this is for you, please talk to either Gary or Dot.

The **GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** will take place as usual on 18th April. The walk will start at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 10.30am and finish outside St Stephens at 12 noon, followed by soup and a roll. Bring your palm cross if you plan to come.

Confirmation Service: 13th April, 2014.

There will be a joint Confirmation service at St Peter's on Palm Sunday, (13th April) at 6.30pm with Bishop Michael Hooper. There are five candidates, one of whom is from St John's. Please do come and support this important occasion.

Work in

We will be meeting to tidy inside and outside of the church from 9.30am on Saturday 12th April, please do come and do a little or more if you are able, just ½ an hour can see great results. If you would like to do outside jobs please bring along any tools you like to work with.

Quiz 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.

Today – Passion Sunday

- 10.30am Worship for everyone with Ron and Vicky Skelton. 'Hope amid despair'.
- 6.30pm Evening worship and Holy Communion with Revd Richard Bubbers, Rosemary Humphrey will be speaking on Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 11:1-45.

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

- 10.30am Worship for everyone with Rob Quarton. 'The one who comes' Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:19-29.
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Pastor Gary Noyes, Gary will be speaking on Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 62.

Next week

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| Monday | 1.30pm | Bowls. |
| Tuesday | 10.00am | Parents and toddlers. |
| | 6.30pm-8pm | Visiting Woodrow with Easter invites. |
| Wednesday | 7.45pm | Jump in the hall. |
| Thursday | 10.00am | Parents and toddlers. |
| | 7.45pm | Lent course at Eileen and Peter Bishops. |
| | 6.30pm-8pm | Visiting Woodrow with Easter invites. |
| Saturday | 9.00am | Prayer in church. |

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.

Children's Easter social

There will be an Easter social for Scramblers and Explorers on the afternoon of Saturday 12th April at The Skelton's house. Please speak with Vicky if you haven't managed to yet.