

Thank you

Many thanks to Vicky Skelton for yesterday arranging the St John's Scrambler and Explorer children Easter activities.

Also thank you to those who came for the work-in yesterday morning and to Barry for organising it.

Card Making

Lynda will be having another card making afternoon on Friday 2nd May, 1pm until 3.45pm if you would like to come along please let Lynda know.

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.

Diary – also see the Easter services listing.

Sat 17th May	Messy Church.
Sat 26 th April 7pm	Quiz in the church hall.
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 19th July	Messy Church.
Tue 16 th Sep	Parish Prayer meeting 7.30pm at Christ Church.
Sat 27th Sep	Messy Church.
Thu 16 th Oct	WARM Day at Holland House.
Sat 29th Nov	Messy Christmas 2014.
Tue 2 nd Dec 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at St John's.
Sat 5th 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.



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Sunday 13th April 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Spice (StJohn's People in Community Enterprise)

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping to pray and plan for SPICE over the next few months while Gary is away studying in Oxford. We plan to meet this Tuesday April 15th at 7.30pm in church. If you would like to be part of this then do come along. The future is full of exciting possibilities but we need to hone it down to what God is really wanting from us at the moment.

Agape Maundy Thursday meal

St John's and St Peter's will be getting together for an Agape Maundy Thursday meal 7.30pm this Thursday 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 members of St Peter's.

Pastors Piece

As we celebrate Palm Sunday today, and enter Holy Week 2014, we can give thanks for so many blessings in our lives, and in the life of St John's. A team of people, under the banner of SPICE, have been handing out invitations to our Easter services around Woodrow this week, and we've had some very interesting conversations! We give thanks for those opportunities where we can introduce ourselves here at St John's to those in our community. Our prayers for today, and for this week, are these, I suggest: 'Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you humbled yourself, and took the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation. Please give us this week the mind and heart to follow you, and to proclaim you as Lord and King.'
'True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah, grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you, on the way to the cross.'

Every blessing,
Gary

Confirmation Service this evening

There will be a joint Confirmation service at St Peter's this evening at 6.30pm with Bishop Michael Hooper. There are five candidates, including Ron Skelton from St John's. Please do come and support this important occasion. Refreshments will be available after for those able to stay.

Annual Chrism Eucharist tomorrow

14th April 11am - There will be an annual Chrism Eucharist in Worcester Cathedral with Bishop John; everyone is invited to this special service.

Good Friday service

Good Friday morning at St Johns will be the service when we re-enact the events of Good Friday. Participation in non-speaking and speaking roles helps bring it alive; soldiers to lift Christ onto and then down from the cross, Simon of Cyrene, and a woman to scatter petals on the precious body. A service of nail hammering and a symbolic passing of the Christ among ourselves. It is always a privilege to be part of this. We will end by taking him out to the tomb and sealing it up until Easter Sunday morning. It is good on that joyful morning to have seen it through together. Children can be caught by an atmosphere so please don't feel this is not for them.

Thursday Prayer Meeting

During the week there is a short prayer meeting in the parish to which anyone is welcome. These take place at 9:00am. Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri are at St Peter's with Thursdays being at St. John's. The Wednesday morning session is a service of Holy Communion. In Gary's absence Barry will be organisation the Thursday Morning Parish Prayers at St. John's. There will be no prayer meeting this week but these will restart after Easter.

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.

Prayer Fellowship Teaching (PFT)

The next meeting will be Thursday 8th May at Peter and Eileen Bishop's.

Today – 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 ***NO SERVICE IN ST JOHN'S THIS EVENING...JOINT CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH THE BISHOP AT ST PETER'S. ALL WELCOME!***

Next week – please see Easter services for Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Next Sunday – Easter Day

10.30am Easter Sunday service and Holy Communion with Vicki Quarton, Pastor Gary Noyes will be speaking on John 20: 1-18 and Colossians 3: 1-4.

6.30pm Easter Praise with Pastor Gary Noyes.

St John's Easter Services

AGAPE Maundy Thursday Meal 7.30pm

Good Friday- Worship For Everyone Service 10.30am

Hour at the Cross 7.30pm

Easter Sunday- Worship For Everyone service with

Holy Communion 10.30am

Easter Sunday Praise 6.30pm

Walk through the Bible training

If you were at the AGM the other week you will know that I shared with people the possibility of training to do "Walk through the Bible" in schools for children in Y5 and 6. Following that meeting I have been offered £100 towards the training (it costs £300). If you would also like to contribute and/or become part of a supportive praying group that were kept informed about the training and the work in school, please let me know. I am investigating the possibility further. Dot.
