

Diary

Sun 11 th May	Christian Aid lunch.
Sat 17 th May	Messy Church.
Tues 20 th May	SPICE meeting - thanksgiving families.
Tue 10 th June 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting St Peter's.
Tues 17 th June 6.30pm	SPICE - Fladbury Close work in.
Sat 21 st June 2.30pm	Licensing of Rosie Humphrey at the Cathedral.
Sat 28 th June pm	Car treasure hunt.
Sun 29 th Jun	Ordination of Pastor Gary Noyes at the Cathedral.
Sun 6 th Jul pm	Children's sponsored walk for Tearfund Water Project.
Sat 19 th July	Messy Church.
Wed 6 th August	Croquet and chat at Peter and Eileen's
Tue 16 th Sep	Parish Prayer meeting 7.30pm at Christ Church.
Wed 13 th August	Canal Walk and Meal.
Wed 20 th August	'At home' & board games at Dot and Andy Bevington's
Tues 23 rd Sept 7.30pm	SPICE meeting in church.
Sat 27 th Sep 10-12noon	Messy Church.
Sat 27 th September 6pm	Harvest Supper and barn dance in the church hall.
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.
Fri 12 th Dec	Cinderella at the Palace Theatre,(booking September)
Sat 5 th Apr	Diocese Children's Training - Worcester.

Please pray for:-

- Gary and April, Garth and Jenny, Richard and Sally, Richard and Wendy.
- Gary as he commences ordination training.
- Those who are mourning.
- Those known to us who are suffering ill health.
- John Beasley as he recovers from his operation.
- 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 and Maureen undertaking ministry training.
- Children's groups, Bowls, Jump and Parent and Toddlers.

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Sunday 4th May 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Pastor Gary Noyes

Gary has settled in well at Cuddesdon this week, your continued prayers for his training and time away would be appreciated. If you haven't received the letter from Gary given out Easter Sunday, copies are in the foyer. The letter Gary advises that Garth has Pastoral oversight and everyday matters are in the care of Churchwarden Ann Donovan.

Welcome

When the risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, "Peace be with you," their hearts rejoiced for they saw it was the Lord.

The sign of the presence of God is peace. The Bible tells us that where the Spirit of the Lord is there is peace. The risen Lord did not come to his disciples to cause chaos but peace. When preparing his disciples for the tumultuous events of what is now known as Holy Week, in Jn 14, Jesus said, "My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you, not as the world gives, do I give you this peace. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

We live in the "*Pax Christus*," the Peace of the Christ. Let His peace dwell in your hearts and keep your minds (thoughts) and hearts (emotions) firmly held in the knowledge of God's love for you.

Resist any attempts by the enemy to steal your peace. By willing to give up this inner peace for however short a time, we are allowing the thief to steal this peace from our hearts. When we cause the removal of peace by saying and doing things that cause chaos, we are enabling the peaceless one to come in.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

Garth.

" When you do it for the least of one of mine, you did it for me!" Matthew 25.

Christian Aid Week is the biggest single act of Christian witness in the UK. It sees churches across the country stand in solidarity with the world's poorest people. 3000 churches will take part. Collectors will walk a distance 14 times the distance from London to Sydney. 8 million houses will receive an envelope.

It should raise £13 million. Please play your part in it as it really does make a difference. If you have never done it before but would nervously consider giving it a go, then have a chat with Rob or Vicki and we will pair you up. It's so much more fun together.

Let's not let Christ go hungry, naked, cold and homeless!

Christian Aid bring and share lunch next Sunday

Please come along after the service next Sunday for the bring and share lunch, sharing what we have and then donating what we would normally spend on Sunday lunch to Christian Aid.

Cathedral Singing at Reader Licensing Service - Saturday 21st June

Those undergoing licensing in June are invited to bring with them members from their church to form a scratch choir. It is not envisaged that the music will be very complicated - at the most there will be one item with parts. A rehearsal will take place at 1:00pm on the day, and the song list will be known in advance. If you would like the opportunity to sing in a choir in the cathedral please can you let me know, as I will need to submit numbers.

I had hoped to persuade them to have a worship band, but I have been advised that it is too complicated to get amps tested, and that the organ would overwhelm any acoustic instruments...!

Rosie

Today – Easter 3

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Vicki Quarton 'Who is it?'
Luke 24:13-35

6.30pm Evening service and Holy Communion
with Rev Richard Harding. Revelation 4:1-11.

Next Sunday – Easter 4

10.30am Morning worship with Vicki Quarton, Rosemary Humphrey
will be speaking on John 10:1-10 'I am the gate'.

6.30pm Evening worship.
Readings Ezra 3:1-13 and Ephesians 2: 11-end.

This week

Monday 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday Parent and toddlers.

Wednesday 7.45pm Jump youth group in the hall.

Thursday 9am Parish Prayers at St John's.

7.45pm Homegroup at Peter and Eileen Bishop's.

10am-12noon Parent and toddlers.

SPICE – Fladbury Close

We will be visiting residents of Fladbury Close in early June asking for any jobs that may need doing on the evening of 17th June. Please put the date in the diary to come and help, any plant donations would also be appreciated.

If you haven't been before and want to know what it is all about and what is involved please speak with Dot, Gary or Lynda.

Prayer Fellowship Teaching (PFT)

The next meeting will be this Thursday at Peter and Eileen Bishop's