

Diary

Tue 10 th June 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting St Peter's.
Wed 11 th June 2.15pm	Visiting Fladbury Close.
Tues 17 th June 6.30pm	SPICE - Fladbury Close work in.
Fri 20 th June 1pm-2.45pm	Card making at Lynda's.
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	Morning service with Tearfund speaker.
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 10-1pm	Big Bible Study Worcester Cathedral.
Sat 27 th September 6pm	Harvest Supper and barn dance in the church hall.
Sat 4 th Oct 10-3.30pm	Festival of healing Worcester Cathedral.
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 - our Parish clergy and wives.
- Gary while he is away at Cuddesdon College.
- Those who are mourning.
- Kathleen Powell and family.
- Jo, Grace, Sophie and Lydia Adams.
- Lynda and Geoff Adams.
- Eileen and Rob Truman.
- Sylvia Czink and family.
- June Young and family.
- Bishop John and family.
- Those known to us who are suffering physical or mental illness.
- Peggy Snellgrove.
- Those without enough to eat.
- Countries where fighting has broken out.
- Persecuted Christians around the world.
- Allison, Maureen and Rosie undertaking ministry training.
- Those taking exams.
- Children's groups, Bowls, SPICE, Jump and Parent and Toddlers.

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Sunday 1st June 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's!

Dear Friends,

It seems like the people of Israel had been watching and waiting for the coming of the Messiah for centuries. Would this anointed one of God never come?

When would be the awesome day when the throne of David would be re-established and the Kingdom rebuilt?

And now it seemed that the Messiah had come and that the end was in sight. Or at least it had been till Jesus got killed. And then hope was re-kindled, Jesus was alive! But what was this? Jesus was talking about returning to the Father.

"Lord," they asked. "has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" In the book Acts we are told Jesus replied to them, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Earlier he had told them to wait in Jerusalem till they had received the promise of the Spirit. More waiting! Hadn't they waited long enough already? Yes, but the difference is that now they await the return of Jesus with a mandate to build His kingdom.

Called with you in Kingdom building,

Garth

Prayer Fellowship Teaching (PFT)

PFT are starting a study of the book of James. This week will be an introduction and start on chapter 1 – entitled 'Dependable or double-minded'. For more information speak to Peter or Eileen Bishop.

Pentecost service – next Sunday 8th June

Rosie has asked if at next Sunday's Pentecost service we could all wear something red. On the evening there will be a joint service at St Peter's, it would be lovely for as many of St John's folk to attend, if you are planning to go along please consider if you can bring cakes or biscuits for coffee time after.

Fladbury Close Contact - we will be giving out leaflets to Fladbury Close residents to inform them of our offer of jobs as a church **next Saturday, June 7th**. Anyone who would like to do this - contact Dot. We collect them again from **2.15pm on Weds June 11th**, which usually involves a lot of chat - one of the reasons we do this at all. If you would like to be part of this again contact Dot.

Then we need our army to do the jobs on **Tuesday June 17th** at 6pm. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the evening, whatever you can give. Meet in the close clutching your favourite tools or come happy to chat. Once we have the jobs list we can let you know what is required. Please book that evening - it is always a great fun time working together as well as supporting the Fladbury residents. There is no Gary of course this year and I can't do this on my own... HELP!!!

Sunday July 6th - we have a very special W4E (worship for everyone) at 10.30am. We have a guest speaker, John Appleton, from TEARFUND who has actually been to the area in Uganda where we are supporting a water project and met and worshipped (for a very long time!) with the people involved. Andy and Dot had him for a meal (very tasty!) last Thursday and are very excited about how he will contribute to the service and to our understanding of how our money will be spent. John will share with us in the service and also stay for our after church activities.

The children will be doing a sponsored walk around the Arrow Valley lake carrying water containers appropriate to their age and size to empathise with the children in Uganda who carry water twice a day - a 2 hour journey - up a mountain. Not quite the same! Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun and bring a picnic to the park. If it is wet, we will eat in the hall and then walk around the lake in the rain because come rain or shine that water has to be fetched if life is to go on. John is keen to stay for the picnic and it will be an opportunity to ask more about the project and the work of TEARFUND in general.

This is a one off opportunity - don't miss it - BE THERE - and bring your money!

Today – Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension Day)

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Sam Quarton. Acts 1:6-14.

6.30pm Evening worship and Holy Communion with Richard Harding, Allison Davies will be speaking on John 1: 6-18 '**Sons and Daughters**'

Next Sunday – Pentecost.

10.30am Pentecost morning worship with Rosemary Humphrey.

6.30pm Joint evening Pentecost service at St Peter's.

This week

Monday	1.30pm	Bowls in the hall.
	7.45pm	Standing committee meet.
Tuesday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
Wednesday	7.45pm-9pm	Jump in the hall.
	7.30pm	Ecumenical service The Bridge (see below)
Thursday	9am	Parish Prayers at St John's.
	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
	7.45pm	PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's.
Saturday		Visiting Fladbury Close – see Dot.
	9.45am	Churches Together Redditch (see below).

Card making

The next card making with Lynda Adams is 20th June 1pm-2.45pm at Lynda and Geoff's house, please speak with Lynda to let her know you are thinking of going, refreshments provided, cost £1.50.

Churches Together in Redditch – Week of Prayer and Unity

Today 3pm-4.30pm

Family picnic and fellowship –Church Green Redditch Town Centre. (Inside St Stephens if wet).

Wednesday 7.30pm

Ecumenical service of worship and prayer – The Bridge Headless Cross.

Saturday 9.45am

Ecumenical Walk of Witness in the Town Centre 9.45am for 10am, 10am-11.30am Prayer Walk, 11.30am Brunch at Redditch Baptist Church. Also at 10am Messy Church is taking place at St Stephens, until 12noon.