

Diary

Sat 19th July	Messy Church.
Tues 22 nd July 7.45pm	Children's leaders social.
Fri 25 th July	Jump at Soul Survivor
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.
Thu 11 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.
- 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.
- Peggy Snellgrove.
- Those without enough to eat.
- Countries where fighting has broken out.
- Persecuted Christians around the world.
- Those without clean water to drink.
- Stephen Ward as he has some time away this week.
- Allison and Maureen undertaking ministry training.
- JUMP leaders as they prepare for Soul Survivor.
- Planning for our young people as they move up in September within the children's groups.
- Children's groups, Bowls, SPICE, Jump and Parent and Toddlers.

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Sunday 6th July 2014

A very warm welcome to St John's and all who are visiting today!

Today – We welcome our guest speaker, John Appleton, from TEARFUND today 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. 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. 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.

Message from Gary and April

We would like to thank everyone for the incredible support, prayer and love shown to us over the past week or two, as I prepared for my ordination, and on the day itself. It truly was a wonderful day, with a real sense of the central presence of the Spirit throughout the whole ceremony, and at the amazing welcome and meal back here. The cathedral was full, and it was a delight to see so many friends and family, especially from St John's. Bishop John's prayer for us new deacons included these words: 'Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world. May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own.'

It struck me that, as a family here at St John's, those words are not just for newly ordained people, but for us all, as we minister the grace of Jesus to each other, and as we allow the Spirit to do his work amongst us.

All our love,
Gary and April

JUMP prayer

Please continue to pray for the Jump young people and leaders who are going to Soul Survivor on 25th July.

Bowls during the summer:

7th, 21st and 28th July – open
Closed July 14th and during the month of August
restarting 1st September.

The Church of England website www.churchofengland.org has facts and statistics, views, prayers, history etc From time to time information from the website will be printed in these notices. The Collect of the day that appears opposite is also published from the website.

Key facts about the Church of England

Community involvement

- **More people do unpaid work for church organisations than any other organisation.** Eight per cent of adults undertake voluntary work for church organisations while sixteen per cent of adults belong to religious or church organisations.
- A quarter of regular churchgoers (among both Anglicans and other Christians separately) are involved in voluntary community service outside the church. Churchgoers overall contribute **23.2 million** hours voluntary service each month in their local communities outside the church.
- The Church of England provides activities outside church worship in the local community for **407,000 children and young people** (aged under 16 years) and 32,900 young people (aged 16 to 25 years). More than **116,000** volunteers and an additional 4900 employed adults run children/young people activity groups sponsored by the Church of England outside church worship.
- Church of England congregations give more than **£51.7 million** each year to other charities.
- More than **half a million** worshippers subscribe to tax-efficient giving schemes such as Gift Aid, accounting for half the voluntary income of parish churches.

Today – Third Sunday after Trinity

- 10.30am Worship for Everyone with Dot and Andy Bevington. John Appleton from Tearfund will be speaking.
- 12.30pm Sponsored walk and picnic at Arrow Valley Lake.
- 6.30pm Evening worship and Holy Communion, Rev Richard Bubbers will be leading and speaking.

Next Sunday – Trinity 4

- 10.30am Morning Worship with Maureen Hughes, Rosie Humphrey will be speaking on Matthew 13:1-23 'Listen and Speak'.
- 6.30pm Evening worship with Vicki Quarton. Vicki will be speaking on 2 Samuel 7: 18-29 and Luke 19: 41-20:8.

This week

Monday 1.30pm	Bowls in the hall.
Tuesday 10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
Wednesday 7.45pm-9pm	Jump in the hall.
Thursday 9am 10-12noon	Parish Prayers at St John's. Parent and toddlers.

Collect of the day

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Oasis charity shop – Woodrow

Donations of clothing, bric a brac, books, toys, CD's and DVD's on an ongoing basis are needed please. Not only do the donations help raise money for the Christian Charity, the work in sorting, putting out items, taking payment etc provides valuable work experience for the volunteers.