



There is now an Iraq resource page on the Church of England's website which has been refreshed to help the Church respond prayerfully and faithfully to the unfolding emergency. Amongst other things, the page now includes a template letter to assist churches and individuals to write in a constructive manner to their local MPs.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-views/international-affairs/north-africa-and-the-middle-east/iraq.aspx>

Diary

Tue 16 th Sep 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at Christ Church.
Tues 23 rd Sept 7.30pm	SPICE meeting in church.
Sat 20 th Sep	Walk through the New Testament.
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.
- Garth Nathaniel.
- John Beasley.
- Peggy Snellgrove.
- Claire and Paul Burnham.
- Those without enough to eat.
- Countries where fighting has broken out.
- Persecuted Christians around the world.
- Those without clean water to drink.
- Allison and Maureen undertaking ministry training.

Sunday 7th September 2014

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

Harvest Celebrations

You may remember a couple of years ago for the anniversary celebration of St John's we had a fabulous barn dance. The 'caller' Stephen Woodcock will once again be joining us for our Harvest Celebrations.

Saturday 27th September from 6pm will be the barn dance and harvest supper, the cost is £3.50 per person or £10 per family to include a ploughmans lunch. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided, donations of cake and biscuits would be appreciated. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or speak to Janet or Sharon.

The following day will be our Harvest Sunday service, where donations of food will be made to the Redditch Foodbank and donations of money will go to Tearfund. Please join us and consider inviting a friend to our Harvest weekend celebrations.

Thought for the Week.....

What's your ambition? What's mine? Is ambition a good thing? Clearly, if you are a sportsperson, your aim is to win; if you work for someone, you will want to please your employer, and so on. If you are a Christian, what happens then? Paul the Apostle talks several times in his letters about selfish ambition; (Philippians 2:3, for e.g.) But he also says 'Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life', and, in Romans 15:30 'It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel...' So I guess it has to do with where our heart really is, and whether or not we decide in our heart to bring everything we are, and everything we undertake in this life, and place it under the Lordship of Christ. To my mind, that's when ambition finds its true expression, and that's when we know that we are pleasing God.

Every blessing,
 Gary

New arrival

Congratulations to Dot and Andy who have become Grandparents after the arrival of Isobel Grace Bevington. Mom Kat, Dad Chris and Baby Isobel are doing well.

Tearfund

Congratulations to our young people who did the sponsored walk around Arrow Valley in July, thank you to all who sponsored them and those who donated during the service, £252 was raised.

Prayer

The next Parish Prayer meeting will be on Tuesday 16th September, 7.30 - 8.30 pm at Christ Church, Matchborough. Please do try and come along it is a great opportunity for us to pray together for the mission of our parish and each church. It's particularly relevant as we restart our activities after the summer period.

This can also be a special time to pray about the Parish Alpha, Lifepath, vision for mission outreach in Winyates with the St Gregory's site etc.

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Piecing together the New Testament storyline within its 1st century context. Come along to Christ Church Matchborough on Saturday 20th September from 9.30 to 5.00 pm to WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT and be inspired to read the Bible with new insights. Bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee will be provided. Cost including work book - £14. See Ann for an application form.

BISHOP GRAHAM

The new Bishop of Dudley is visiting Bromsgrove Deanery on Tuesday 9th September. Anyone who is free is invited to attend Celtic Evening Prayer led by Bishop Graham at St. Peter's at 4.30, followed by afternoon tea at 5.00 pm. Those who are going are asked to contribute cakes/sandwiches/ finger food Please see me if you would like to go so that I can give St. Peter's some idea of numbers Thanks Ann.

Prayer Fellowship Teaching (PFT)

The house group at Peter and Eileen Bishop's has recommenced after the summer break on Thursday's at 7.45pm, new people welcome.

Thank you

Thank you from the Adams family for the recent sponsorship in memory of Rob Adams, the total raised was £375, which has gone to The Brain Tumour Charity.

Today – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Worship for Everyone with Vicki Quarton
'What's your ambition', Philippians 3: 14-16.

6.30pm Evening Service and Holy Communion with Reverend Richard Harding 'The Good Shepherd'. John 10:1-30.

Next Sunday – Trinity 13

10.30am Morning Worship with Allison Davies and Reverend Gary Noyes, Gary will be speaking on Matthew 18: 21-35 and Romans 14:1-12.

Children's groups and Sunday Jump.

6.30pm Evening worship with Reverend Gary Noyes, Gary will be speaking on Isaiah 63: 1-16 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

This week

Monday 1pm	Bowls
Tuesday 10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
Wednesday 7.45-9pm	Jump in the hall.
Thursday 7.45pm	PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's
Thursday 10-12noon	Parent and toddlers

Holland House

The next Renewal Day at Holland House will be Thursday 16th October. Our speaker is Dr. Christina Baxter CBE, former Principal at St. John's Theological College in Nottingham. Her topic is, "Anglicans Praying for the Holy Spirit." Please see the poster on the board in the foyer.

Faith at Work in Worcestershire

There will be a series of meetings for anyone interested in finding out more about the church's ministry to those in local workplaces. Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW) promotes workplace chaplaincy as a tool for mission – recruiting, training and supporting local Chaplains to visit for an hour or two weekly, fortnightly or monthly. During three Monday's, afternoon or evenings - to suit those attending, you can explore whether this ministry is for you - Monday October 27th, November 10th and November 17th at Droitwich Methodist Church. See the flyer on the board in the foyer and/or contact Reverend Paul Lawlor on 01527 62375, 07807 611090 or paul@pjlawlor.me.uk