

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.



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

**Diary**

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 7.45pm	DCC meeting.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep 10-12noon	Messy Church.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> 10-1pm	Big Bible Study Worcester Cathedral.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Harvest Supper and barn dance in the church hall.
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10-3.30pm	Festival of healing Worcester Cathedral.
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm	Living Faith Lecture – Professor George Tadros.
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	WARM Day at Holland House.
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Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Signs of the Kingdom Day.
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Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm	Living Faith Lecture – Gavin Calver.
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Messy Christmas 2014.
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm	Gary's ordination by the Bishop of Dudley.
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at St John's.
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Cinderella at the Palace Theatre,(booking September).
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Harvest Celebrations next weekend**

Tickets are available today for the Harvest Barn Dance and Supper, please see Janet or Sharon. Tickets are £3.50 per person or £10 per family to include a cheese or ham ploughmans. Tea, coffee and squash provided, donations of cakes or biscuits would be appreciated. If you need to buy tickets during the week call Sharon on 01527 541492 or Janet 01527 525143 we need final numbers by Wednesday please.

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.....**

April and I would really value your prayers as I embark on another term at Ripon College, Cuddesdon; it will be a fairly long term, with quite a bit of academic study involved, plus other things that will be part of the experience! As I prepare to be ordained priest here at St John's on Advent Sunday, I will be much in prayer myself, as I reflect on the implications of this calling. As before, I will be back for some weekends, and hope to lead and preach from time to time, although in other respects I will be taking a step back, in order for me to focus on study and formation. By Christmas, God willing, things will be back to normal!

As I go to this, and as we all go to our different tasks as a church, I am reminded of that amazing hymn by Charitie L. Bancroft (1841-1892), the daughter of an Irish clergyman, and set to music later: 'Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea; a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me; my name is written on his hands, my name is written on his heart; I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.' Your name, and mine, are written in God's heart, and there only lies our perfect peace-only in Jesus.

Every blessing,  
 Gary

### **Gary's ordination.**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November is the date set for Gary's ordination as priest by the Bishop of Dudley; it will be an evening service at St John's. (More details to follow).

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### **Coming soon**

Sat 8th November Signs of the Kingdom Day. An exciting day for the whole church. Details coming soon, put the date in the diary.

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### **Parish Alpha**

A Parish Alpha Course will begin on Wednesday evening 1st October. This will be slightly more informal than the one last year. The first evening will be an Introduction, starting at 7.30pm with no meal beforehand. Thereafter, the evenings will start at 7pm with a light meal. Anyone interested please speak to Ann.

### **Peggy Snellgrove**

Peggy has moved from her son's house into a care home in Bromsgrove and has settled in well. It is Peggy's birthday this Friday, if you would like to send Peggy a card please see Ann or Sharon for the address.

### **Living Faith Lectures - visiting speaker**

We are delighted to be repeating a series of Living Faith lectures at St John's. Starting in October with Deacon George Tadros of the Christian Orthodox Church, who some of you may of seen in a recent BBC documentary on the care of West Midlands residents with dementia.

Professor of Mental Health and Ageing George Tadros who practises at hospitals in Birmingham will be joining us on *Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm* to talk about Health and the Holy Spirit.

Dr Tadros has an extensive publication record and presents his work in national and international articles, which has led to him successfully completing his MD (Doctorate of Medicine). He also acts as a reviewer for a number of reputable journals.

George is an excellent engaging speaker so please do come along and bring family and friends to what will be an informative and enjoyable evening.

***On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November we will be welcoming Gavin Calver, National Director for Youth For Christ, so do please put these two dates in your diary.***

### **Today – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey 'Equality'  
Matthew 20 : 1-16 and Philipians1 : 21-30.

Children's groups.

6.30pm Evening worship with Reverend Gary Noyes, Gary will be speaking on Matthew 19:16 –end and 1Timothy 6: 1-19.

### **Next Sunday –Harvest Sunday**

10.30am Morning worship and Holy Communion with Rosemary Humphrey, Reverend Gary Noyes will be speaking on 'Change your mind' Matthew 21: 23-32 and Psalm 25.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Allison Davies, Allison will be speaking on 1 John 2 : 18- 29 and Ezekiel 37 : 15- end.

### **This week**

Monday	1pm	Bowls
	7.45pm	DCC meeting
Tuesday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
Wednesday	7.45-9pm	Jump in the hall.
Thursday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers
	7.45pm	PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's
Saturday	10-12noon	Messy church -Woodrow Community Hall.
	6-9pm	Barn Dance and Harvest Supper.

### **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.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paul@pjlawlor.me.uk)