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### Diary

Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm	Living Faith Lecture – Deacon George Tadros.
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	WARM Day at Holland House.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1-2.45pm	Card making with Lynda
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Signs of the Kingdom Day.
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.
Fri 12 <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.
- Our visiting speakers George Tadros and Gavin Calver.
- Signs of the Kingdom day at St John's.
- John Beasley.
- Peggy Snellgrove.
- Claire and Paul Burnham.
- Those without enough to eat.
- Our countries response to Iraq and Syrian conflicts.
- Persecuted Christians around the world.
- Those without clean water to drink.
- Allison and Maureen undertaking ministry training.

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Sunday 29th September 2014

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

### Harvest Celebrations today

Today is our Harvest Sunday service, donations of food will be made to the Redditch Foodbank and monetary donations will go to Tearfund.

### Thought for the Week.....

We've had an amazing week as clergy at the Worcester Clergy Conference at High Leigh, in Hertfordshire. (Some of you may know that venue.) Great speakers, great music, etc. We heard from Paula Gooder, David Ford, Mark Russell, etc. Mark said some very pertinent things for the Church of England! (He is the CEO of Church Army.)

Here are a few of his remarks, which every church should respond to, including us here at St John's:

- We bring true hope to people as we introduce them to Jesus.
- He says to us: 'I will make you...' I am for you...' I will be with you...'
- If we want to be truly relevant, we need four stances:  
UPWARD, INWARD, OUTWARD, AND FORWARD.
- Let's go where Jesus would go; where in our own community is that?
- Let's be rooted in love.
- Let's reach those on the margin
- Let's make our church even more welcoming, so that people can find their home with us.

More of all that at a later date; this will be my last 'Thought for the Week' for a while.

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 6pm at St John's, where Bishop Graham will also preach.

### **SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM - 8th November at St John's.**

What does it mean to be 'Kingdom People'?

### **Parish Alpha**

The Parish Alpha course starts at Christ Church on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30 p.m. for an introductory session with coffee and cakes and an opportunity for people to sign up for the course. Then we meet on subsequent Wednesdays at 7.00 p.m starting with a light meal, followed by a talk and discussion groups, finishing at 9.30 p.m. There will be an Away Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The course finishes on 10th December. Please speak with Ann for more information.

### **Living Faith Lectures - visiting speakers**

We are delighted to be repeating a series of Living Faith lectures at St John's. Our first speaker is a Deacon George Tadros of the Egyptian Coptic Christian community.

George a medical consultant, practising 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'. Please come along and bring family and friends to support this and other events in this series. Refreshments will be served on the evening, donations of cake and biscuits are invited.

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** we will be welcoming Gavin Calver, National Director for Youth For Christ, Gavin has a national reputation as an excellent speaker. So do please put these two dates in your diary and come along to what will be two great evenings.

### **Prayer Fellowship Teaching (PFT)**

The house group at Peter and Eileen Bishop's continues on Thursday's at 7.45pm, new people welcome.

### **Today - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

Children's groups.  
Sunday Jump.

6.30pm Evening Worship. John 2 : 18- 29 and Ezekiel 37 : 15- end.

### **Next Sunday - Trinity 16**

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Dot Bevington 'Tenant Trouble' Matthew 21:23-32'

6.30pm Evening Worship and Holy Communion.

### **This week**

Monday 1pm	Bowls.
Tuesday 10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
Wednesday 7.45-9pm	Jump in the hall.
Thursday 10-12noon 7.45pm	Parent and toddlers. PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's.
Saturday 9.30am	Autumn clear up.

### **Autumn clear up next week**

Autumn clear up 9.30am onwards next Saturday 4th October. Barry has done a great job keeping the grass cut for us and cutting back the hedges, but you have probably noticed that there are areas near the church that need trimming and tidying. So bring along shears, secateurs, spades & forks, hoes & brushes and help spruce up our grounds. You don't have to stay all morning - even half an hour's work would be greatly appreciated.

### **Card making**

The next card making afternoon will take place at Lynda's on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1-2.45pm, the theme will be Christmas. The cost is £1.50, please see Lynda if you would like to go along.