

Website - The October Living Faith Lecture with Professor George Tadros 'Health and the Holy Spirit' is available on the parish website <http://www.ipsley.org/media/> for downloading.

Facebook - For those who do, find us at StJohnsRedditch for information to share with those you know.

Diary

Thu 20 th Nov 7.30pm	Living Faith Lecture - Gavin Calver.
Sun 23 rd Nov	Senior Citizens Tea in the hall.
Sun 23 rd Nov	Parish 'Christ the King' service at Christ Church
Sat 22 nd Nov 9-1pm	Church work in.
Sat 29 th Nov	Messy Christmas 2014.
Sun 30 th Nov 6pm	Gary's ordination by the Bishop of Dudley.
Tue 2 nd Dec 7.30pm	Parish Prayer meeting at St John's.
Sat 5 th Dec	Christmas Fayre in the hall
Mon 29 th Dec	Cinderella at the Palace Theatre.

Please pray for:-

- Gary and April, Garth and Jenny, Richard and Sally, Richard and Wendy - our Parish clergy and wives.
- Reverend Richard Bubbers as he commences his new role.
- 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 speaker Gavin Calver.
- Signs of the Kingdom day at St John's.
- 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 9th November 2014

Signs of the Kingdom Day

We hope those who were able to join in with the Signs of the Kingdom Day yesterday enjoyed it, thank you to all those who helped in a practical way

Thought for the week

I find Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday extremely poignant, as I remember the hundreds of thousands of servicemen and women who gave their lives for justice and freedom, our freedom. Together with the hundreds of thousands injured, many maimed for life, both physically and mentally in two World Wars, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan, Northern-Ireland and many other conflicts.

On a more personal note, I had three uncles who served in the Royal Navy throughout the Second World War on North Atlantic convoys, Russian Convoy (chopping six inches of ice off the guns in twenty minute bursts - longer would have meant frostbite), 'U' Boat hunting in many sectors, in the Mediterranean, defending Malta and Gibraltar and trying to get supplies to the 8th Army in North Africa or bombarding Rommel's forces from the coastline.

I watched my parents and my mother's family gathered round the radio, listening to the war news and when it was announced that we had 'lost' a ship or ships, the heartache showing on their faces was hard to see, thinking, 'Have we lost a brother?'

In the end two came through unscathed physically, but both had recurrent nightmares, screaming as the enemy attacked yet again. Post traumatic stress was not heard of then.

The other one was not so lucky. He was torpedoed twice in two months, spending many hours in the sea with diesel oil and other contaminants entering his stomach and lungs. He never recovered from this and spent his last eighteen months in a sanatorium.

To this day, the Last Post still makes the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end.

I pray that we, our children and our children's children will never forget the sacrifices of these brave men and women.

Gerry Goddard.

Prayer Day

There will be a Prayer Day here at St John's this coming Saturday from 7am - 1pm - stay for 10 minutes or 6 hours - all welcome! Breakfast will be available. Open to all so do invite anyone who may be interested. See separate leaflet for further info.

November Living Faith lecture

Please come along on Thursday 20th November 7.30pm when we will be welcoming Gavin Calver, National Director for Youth For Christ, Gavin has a national reputation as an excellent speaker and will be speaking on being a Christian in the secular world. This isn't just for young people but for all ages to hear how his faith has helped Gavin and others he has come into contact with and how we might answer questions about our faith in Jesus. Please let people know about this event, you can signpost people to the St John's facebook page or website www.ipsley.org/st-johns.

Parish Service 23rd November

There will be a morning service for the whole Parish at Christ Church Matchborough Sunday 23rd November starting at 10.30. This is 'Christ the King' Sunday. Whilst the adults meet in the church there will be a Kid's Praise in the Church Centre next door for 5-11's; a teenagers group (any 12 year olds can choose which to go to); also provision for under 5's. There will not be a morning service at St John's but there will be an evening service as usual at 6.30 pm.

Gary's ordination.

Sunday 30th 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.

Church work in Saturday 22nd November

There will be breakfast before a work in to improve the grounds and inside of the church all welcome, please leave a note if you have preferred jobs you like to do. Come for as little or as long as you can, from 9am-1pm.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 6th December; your donations of bottles or chocolates for the tombola's would be appreciated also as-new cuddly toys please.

Afternoon Tea

There will be a repeat of the afternoon senior citizens tea for the local community on 23rd November. If you know of anyone you would like to see invited to this enjoyable afternoon, please speak with Eileen.

Today – Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Morning worship with Vicki Quarton, Reverend Gary Noyes will be speaking on 'Kingdom Waiting' 1 Thess 4:12 -18 and Matthew 25:1-13.

6.30pm Evening worship with Ron Skelton Judges 7: 2 -22 and John 15: 9 -17.

Next Sunday –2nd before Advent

10.30am Morning worship with Rosemary Humphrey. 'Kingdom choices' 1 Thess 5:1-11 and Matthew 25:14-30

6.30pm Evening Taize service with Rob Quarton.

This week

Tuesday 10-12noon	Parents and toddlers
7.45pm	DCC meeting.
Wednesday 7.45pm	JUMP in the hall.
Thursday 10-12noon	Parents and toddlers.
Saturday 7.00-1pm	Prayer day at St Johns.

A Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service:
in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. **Amen.**