

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

Sat 29th 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 29th 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 16th November 2014

Parish Service 23rd November – Christ the King Sunday There will be a morning service next Sunday at 10.30am for the whole Parish at Christ Church (Ryton Close, Matchborough West, Redditch B98 0EW). 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. If you need a lift speak to Sharon or Ann. There will not be a morning service at St John's but there will be an evening service as usual at 6.30 pm.

Thought for the week

Prayer is powerful. We often say that but how much do we actually believe it and consequently pray? I was recently reading about the way in which King David took his life issues to God and when he asked God whether he should do something he was able to discern what God had said in reply; sometimes with the help of others who also prayed. In children's groups recently we have been looking at the quality of the leadership of Samuel who constantly turned to God for direction and Saul who started well but ended up disobeying God and even having a monument built to himself. Living so close to God that we truly know what he is asking of us on a daily basis is quite something and for me tends to happen in short bursts and is usually when I am in a dark hole which seems to be going nowhere and the only person to turn to and trust is God himself. It happened once again today. I am writing this on a train home on a day out visiting Andy's mum in Sidmouth! Along with a very clear word "trust me and I'll show you the way through" came an overwhelming sense of peace as I got lost round Cheltenham, arrived at a car park that was meant to be closed, caught a train 20 minutes late and missed a bus by 2 minutes; yet fulfilled the day's purpose despite all. Why go through all that hassle? Can't the God of the universe smooth things out for his children. Of course he can and does sometimes but we have to learn to trust him somehow and if everything was plain sailing how would that happen? This Sunday in children's groups we are looking at Psalm 25, a beautiful prayer written by David - make time today to drink it in and ask God to show you his ways daily. On Saturday St John's was open for us to pray in creative ways. Thanks Rosie for giving us that opportunity. However we come, let's trust God to know the way forward for us as a church and as individuals and let's share his guidance with one another. Psalm 25 v 4-5 says: "Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long." Let's live it out as we walk closely with our God and Saviour who loves us. Dot

Prayer Day

Thank you to Rosie for organizing the prayer day yesterday, it was most enjoyable and inspiring.

DCC and Kingdom Vision

The Kingdom Vision day was discussed at the DCC on Tuesday. When Gary returns and the DCC meet again in January, more information will be communicated.

November Living Faith lecture this week

Please come along this 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.

Gary's ordination at St Johns.

Sunday 30th November is the date set for Gary's ordination as priest by the Bishop of Dudley, please put the date in the diary, it should be a great occasion. There will be a buffet served at 4.30pm before the evening service at 6pm, when Bishop Graham will also preach. If you would like to help to get the hall or church ready on the day please speak with Ann.

Church work in Saturday 22nd November

We are in need to of some strong people to move chairs around on Saturday morning in order to clean the floor, please see Ann if you are free. Breakfast will be available before we start work inside and outside of the church; 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.

Electrical Equipment

If you have any electrical equipment that you use for church or community purposes, please speak with Philip to arrange to get them PAT tested.

SPICE

If you haven't already, please pick up a leaflet from the table in the foyer, explaining the SPICE project and prayer points - thank you.

Christmas invites to St John's services

Please help by handing out the invitations to St John's services, to encourage as many people as possible to join in with the real meaning of Christmas.

Today - 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.

Next Sunday - Christ the King

10.30am Parish service and Holy Communion at Christ Church.
Children's groups provided please see separate notice.

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea.

6.30pm Evening service with Reverend Gary Noyes.
2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Matthew 26:16-20.

This week

Monday	1.00pm	Bowls
Tuesday	10-12noon	Parents and toddlers
Wednesday	7.45pm	JUMP in the hall. Chalice assistant and LLYM event Worcester
Thursday	10-12noon 7.30pm	Parents and toddlers. Living Faith Lecture
Saturday	9.00am	Church work in.

Card making with Linda

The next card making meeting and the last for this year, will be at Linda Adam's house on Friday 28th November at 1pm cost £1.50. Please see Linda if you would like to go along.

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.