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Diary

Sat 6th 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.
- Our countries response to Iraq and Syrian conflicts.
- Those without enough to eat.
- For all who are yet to know the Gospel.
- Those without clean water to drink.
- Persecuted Christians around the world.
- The NHS and other public sector workers.
- For our local and county council decision makers.
- For those who manage people within their places of work.
- For children living in care.
- For refugees.
- For orphans of war.
- For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.
- For the children receiving Samaritans Purse shoeboxes.
- Those who are mourning.
- Those for whom this time of year is difficult.
- 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.
- Peggy Snellgrove.
- Claire and Paul Burnham.
- Allison and Maureen undertaking ministry training.

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Parish Prayers – this Tuesday at St John's

The Parish monthly prayer meeting will be at St John's on Tuesday 2nd December from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

We want to especially join in praying for our churches in the lead up to Christmas as well as our Parish activities. It would be good to have as many of St John's at this meeting, we can all have a part to play, whether listening or praying.

Thought for the week

On the occasion of Gary's ordination we give thanks for the past and look forward to the future.

We give thanks to God for Gary's deep spirituality and compassion. We thank God for his faithfulness and pastoral stewardship of those in our neighbourhood. We thank God that he is a man of prayer, of the Word, and for his spiritual integrity. We honour his perseverance and dedication. We give thanks for his gifts and experience in serving the community, and for all that has resulted and is yet to come from his pastoral role there.

Now, as priest, his responsibilities and focus are widened. So we look to the future with Gary as he leads us more fully in the way the Lord is guiding us as a church. In **1Thess 5v12 and 13** Paul gives clear instructions which are very relevant to our situation **dear brothers and sisters, honour those who are your leaders in the Lords work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.**

Peter

Service this evening

As this evening's service is expected to be busy, you may wish to arrive early, the service starts at 6.00pm.

We are all welcome after the service to enjoy refreshments in the hall; if you would like to provide cakes please drop them off in the hall on arrival.

If you are able, after the service or refreshments, please help with tidying away if you are able – thank you.

Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes

Thank you to all who were able to fill and return the shoeboxes, 109 boxes were collected on Tuesday to be shipped to children in Romania. Samaritans Purse always give shoeboxes to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs. It's an unconditional gift of love.

Christmas Fayre

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

Remembrance Lantern walk at Morton Stanley Park

Touchstones a charity that helps bereaved children, are holding a Lantern Walk on Saturday 13th December 4.30pm. Please see the notice board or speak with Vicki Quarton if you would like to be involved.

Christmas invites to St John's services

Please help to encourage as many people as possible to join in with our Christmas Services by handing out invitations.

Children's Nativity

Can parents please help with planning for the Nativity Service on 21st December by ensuring their children attend during Sunday morning worship as well as the rehearsal in the church 10am on Saturday 20th December. Please see the children's leaders with any questions. This is a lovely service for children and adults to invite family and friends too.

Bowls

Bowls will finish for Christmas on the 15th December and will return on 12th January.

Today –Advent Sunday

10.30am Morning worship with Maureen Hughes. Vicki Quarton will be speaking on Mark 13: 24 –37 and 1 Cor 1: 3-9.

6.00pm Ordination to Priest of Reverend Gary Noyes and Holy Communion with Bishop Graham.

Next Sunday –Advent 2

10.30am Worship For Everyone Morning Service with Rosemary Humphrey.

4.30pm Christingle service.

This week

Monday	1.00pm	Bowls
Tuesday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Parish Prayers at St John's
Wednesday	7.45pm	JUMP in the hall.
Thursday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
Saturday	2-4pm	Christmas Fayre.

Christmas at St John's

Christmas Fayre in the Hall 6th December 2-4pm

Christingle 7th December 4.30pm

Morning Worship with Holy Communion 14th December 10.30am
Carols by candlelight 6.30pm

Children's nativity service 21st December 10.30am
Christmas praise 6.30pm

Midnight Communion 11.15pm
Christmas day celebration 10.30am
