

## Diary

18 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday service at St Peter's.
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 7.45p	DCC meet in the church.
24 <sup>th</sup> February 7.45pm	Children's leaders meeting at the Skeltons.
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb-25 <sup>th</sup> March	LENT studies at St Peter's 7.30-9pm
5 <sup>th</sup> March	WARM day 'Worship and the Spirit'
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Birmingham Diocese childrens leaders training.
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Childrens leaders social.
21 <sup>st</sup> March 10-12noon	Messy Church.
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Prayer partner crafts after the morning service.
18 <sup>th</sup> April 10-12.30pm	Leading all age worship workshop -St Peter's

Please pray for:-

- Gary and April, Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy - our Parish clergy and wives.
- JUMP leaders who are away at Soulnet this week, for discussions about this year's Soul Survivor.
- For Ventures camp; for the planning, for those children from St John's attending and for Dot who will be a leader during the week
- Those without enough to eat.
- Those without clean water to drink.
- The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- Persecuted Christians around the world.
- The NHS and other public sector workers.
- For our Borough, county council decision makers and MP.
- 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.
- 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.
- Peggy Snellgrove.
- Claire and Paul Burnham.
- Allison and Maureen undertaking ministry training.



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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015**  
**Welcome to all visitors at St Johns today.**

### Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a joint Ash Wednesday service 7.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter's, all are welcome.

### Invitation

We are all invited to the Licensing of Richard Bubbers as Priest in Charge, St Laurence in Alvechurch and his commissioning as Industrial Chaplain, Faith at Work in Worcestershire 7.30pm this Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. RSVP required, [clarkalvechurch@sky.com](mailto:clarkalvechurch@sky.com) or 0121 445 2547.

**LENT STUDIES... WEDNESDAYS 7.30-9pm in the Huband Room; Beginning 25th February, and ending 25th March; all welcome.**

### Thought for the week

I mentioned in my sermon last week some of the words that Libby Lane, the recently ordained Bishop of Stockport, used about herself. They are worth quoting here for us to use in our prayers during this week. I found them very honest and straightforward.

'My own Christian faith has always had in it that sense of...if this is what I believe of Jesus, that he took my flesh and lived our life, and gave himself for me on the cross;and that sacrifice has made me new, and forgiven my sins, and given me the hope of eternity by the power of the resurrection- what else can I do but give everything I am and have in his service? Being alongside individuals at moments of transformation in their lives is an astonishing privilege.'

These are truly words from the heart, in which Jesus is clearly central, and something to be really thinking about as we approach our joint Ash Wednesday service on 18th February, and prepare for Lent.

Every blessing,  
Gary

## Resource Open Evenings

These national events are led by Martin Cavender. We are fortunate the meeting entitled 'I am the Lord who heals you' is taking place in our county, details from Resource below:

St Peter's, Martley on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – hosted by Revd David Sherwin - Led by Martin Cavender and Alison Morgan (author of The Wild Gospel), each evening includes worship, teaching, prayer and the opportunity to ask questions and browse our resource materials. There is no charge for these events, and feedback from previous ones has been very positive indeed – so do come, and bring your friends!

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. There is no charge for the evening, but we will take a collection to help offset our expenses.

## Easter gifts

Order your EASTER eggs now on the list at the back of church. Final orders by February 15th please. The Meaningful chocolate company are producing 3 eggs this year. Fair trade with donation to charity.

Original - £3.99 with EASTER banner, new EASTER zig zag book, chocolate buttons.

Peace - £9.99 with olive wood dove key ring booklet and chocolate block

Dark -£5.50 dark chocolate egg, booklet and squares of chocolate.

More details on the poster in the foyer. Support the truly Easter egg.

## Children's social

Go for grub is happening for Pathfinders Explorers and their friends this Friday 6-8 ish. Starting from St. John's and finishing at a secret destination. Come hungry. Please sign up for this as we need numbers for food. Forms from Dot, to be returned by today please.

## Needed

If you have any empty shoe boxes please can you bring them in for Messy Church, each child gets a shoe box when they arrive to put all their craft's in ready to take home. The next Messy Church is 21st March.

## Worcester Cathedral – Renewal of Vows Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7pm

Come and renew your wedding vows before going out to celebrate Valentine's evening. Address by Bishop Graham.

## Today –2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton, Reverend Gary Noyes will be speaking on 'The Healer' Mark 1:29-39 and Isaiah 40:21-31.

Sunday Jump.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Reverend Gary Noyes, Rosemary Humphrey will be speaking. Genesis 2:4-25 and Luke 8:22-35.

## Next Sunday –1<sup>st</sup> before Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton, Vicki will be speaking on 'Glimpsing the divine' Mark 9:2-13 and Psalm 50:1-6.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Rosemary Humphrey. 1 Kings 19:1-6 and 2 Peter 1:16-21.

## This week

Monday	1.30pm	Bowls
Tuesday	10am-12noon	Parent and toddlers
Thursday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
	7.45pm	PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's.
	7.30pm	Licensing of Rev.Richard Bubbers.
Friday	6-8pm	Children's social 'go for grub'.

## Card making with Lynda

The next card making meet up will be at Lynda Adams house on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, please speak with Lynda if you would like to attend, there is a small charge to cover materials.

## Diocesan News - Kingdom People Day

On 10 October, a day is planned for everyone across the Diocese to come together to celebrate Kingdom People and gain new ideas. The meeting will be at Worcester Cathedral.

The Keynote speaker is going to be Mark Russell from the Church Army, your input into what you would like for the day is also being invited!

Please put the date in your diary and let the organisers know how they might use the day by completing the online survey [www.cofeworcester.org](http://www.cofeworcester.org)