

## Diary

- 9<sup>th</sup> March Standing Committee at Ann Donovan's house; 7.45pm  
17<sup>th</sup> March Childrens leaders social.  
21<sup>st</sup> March Messy Church 10-12noon.  
22<sup>nd</sup> March Prayer partner crafts - after the morning service.  
28<sup>th</sup> March Quiz night at St John's  
18<sup>th</sup> April Leading all age worship workshop –St Peter's  
10-12.30pm

Please pray for:-

- Gary and April, Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy - our Parish clergy and wives.
- 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.

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Keep praying for

- Roy Bush.
  - Tony Ball.
  - John Beasley.
  - Sylvia Czink and family.
  - Bishop John and family.
  - Peggy Snellgrove.
  - Claire and Paul Burnham.
  - Allison and Maureen preparing for ministry in the Church of England
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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

**Welcome to all visitors at St Johns today.**

**LENT STUDIES...** WEDNESDAYS 7.30-9pm in the Huband Room 'LIVING FAITH – as self-as church; Wednesday's until 25th March; all welcome.

### **Deanery Synod at St Peter's 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Please try and attend the meeting this week, Gavin Calver, Youth For Christ will be speaking on Tuesday.

Gavin Calver has been appointed Director of Mission/England at the Evangelical Alliance. He will leave his current role as National Director of Youth for Christ (YFC) to take up his new appointment on 1st June 2015. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS!

### **Quiz Night Saturday 28th March 6.00pm - 8pm**

After the success of last year's quiz night, Dawn and Terry are going to prepare another lot of brain and memory teasers for us. We will start early so that the children can join in; drinks and nibbles will be provided, but donations of cakes and biscuits would be very welcome. Any questions - see Dawn

### **Thought for the week**

We had a very good start to the 2015 Joint Lent Course, where Garth spoke extremely powerfully on the first two of Jesus' Beatitudes; (Matthew 5). This really is a fantastic opportunity for our churches to worship, pray, have fellowship, and learn together, and it also underlines the fact that we are one parish, even though we have four different churches. We give thanks to God for our witness to Jesus in these parish-wide initiatives, whether it is Open the Book, Messy Church, Praying Together, etc.

I know that some of you have other commitments during the week, but I would encourage you to join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30 in the Huband Room**, as part of your Lent preparations for Good Friday and Easter.

We remind ourselves of those words of Jesus for us: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'

Every blessing,  
Gary

## **A privilege and a responsibility.**

On 20th April we will be having our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which we have the opportunity to elect the District Church Council. (DCC)

The DCC members are elected

1. to help Gary with the mission of the church in our area of the parish
2. to make sure the Parish Share is paid along with other bills ( gas / insurance etc..)and to decide how money is to be spent on other things.
3. to make sure the church buildings are well maintained. These are the legal requirements.

At St. John's the DCC has always been about more than that and we spend a great deal of our time discussing how to help the church grow spiritually in all age groups, grow together as a family and reach out to the community around us.

Do read the reports which will be issued before the AGM and see just how much goes on at St.John's and for which the DCC has responsibility. You can see that DCC members need to be chosen with care and prayed for regularly.

DCC members are elected for 3 years, which can be extended to a maximum of 6 years. Those who are elected to the Parochial Church Council are automatically (ex - officio) on the DCC as are LLMs Readers)

Below is a list of the current DCC and PCC representatives.

### **Churchwarden**

Ann Donovan 2014 – 2015

### **DCC (every three years)**

Andrew Bevington (ex - officio)

Dawn Wilson 2013 – 2016

\* Ron Skelton 2009 – 2015

Sharon Forrest 2013 – 2016

Martin Bush 2014 – 2017

Janet Jordan 2014 - 2017

Vicki Quarton (ex - officio)

Rosemary Humphrey (ex - officio)

Philip Humphrey (ex - officio)

Chris Tennant (ex - officio)

Peter Bishop (ex - officio)

Annette Humphrey (ex - officio)

Ann Donovan (ex - officio)

### **Deanery Synod**

Barry Humphrey 2014 - 2017

### **PCC (elect every year)**

Philip Humphrey 2014 - 2015

Chris Tennant 2014 - 2015

Peter Bishop 2013 - 2016

Ann Donovan (ex - officio)

Annette Humphrey 2012 - 2015

## **Today –2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10.30am Worship for Everyone with Dot Bevington.'Cross and Discipleship'.

6.30pm Evening Praise and Holy Communion with Rev.Gary Noyes.

## **Next Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10.30am Morning Worship and Baptism of Joy Olivia Yulan Wilson; 'Jesus and the temple' John 2:13-22 and Psalm 19.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Rev.Gary Noyes.

## **This week**

Monday 1.00pm Bowls

Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and Toddlers

7.30pm Deanery Synod at St Peter's.

Wednesday 7.30-9pm Lent Course, St Peter's; 'What do the

Beatitudes of Jesus teach us about our living faith today.

Thursday 10-12 noon Parent and Toddlers.

WARM day at Holland House.

PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's.

Friday 7.30pm The Jazz Church at St Stephens.

Saturday Birmingham Diocese children's leaders training.

## **Jazz Church Big Band Event.**

The Jazz Church Big Band is coming to St Stephen's Church this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm for an evening of varied music in aid of Redditch Foodbank. Tickets are £10 and include wine or soft refreshments and are available from St Stephens bookshop (or on the door- but only if we have any left!).

## **PFT this week**

The meeting at Peter and Eileen Bishop's will this week be looking at 'Biblical and Practical Aspects of Pastoral Care'.

*This year we shall need one more DCC member and one more Churchwarden. Please spend some time praying about the right people to fill these roles. Do come to the AGM if you possibly can, discuss the reports and have your say about what has happened in the past year in the life of St. John's. If you have any questions, have a word with me. Ann.*