

## Diary

13<sup>th</sup> March Clergy and Lay Ministers from the Ipsley Team, (St John's/St Peter's/Christ Church) at Barnes Close for short retreat.

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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**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. This week we are looking at 'The Beatitudes of Jesus'.

### **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**

It's great to welcome the family and friends of Joy Olivia Yulan Wilson to St John's today, as she is baptised during our morning worship.

This is an important occasion for Joy, for her family, and for us, her wider family. On her behalf, Joy's parents and godparents are taking her first step in response to God's love. It's a fantastic moment when we can all rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, and when some serious promises are made. As her wider family, we welcome Joy into the Christian community, and we in turn promise our support and prayers as she grows up. The sign of the cross reminds us that Jesus died for us, and the water reminds us that we die to sin and are raised to life in the faith of Christ. Water is a sign of new life, and, (as Jesus reminds us) we are born again by water and the Spirit. The light of the candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, and everyone who is baptized, (at whatever age) walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As Jesus said in John 10:10..."I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Every blessing,  
Gary

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Jews for Jesus are holding an event entitled **Christ in the Passover** on Saturday 21st March at 7pm in the Huband Room at St Peter's. There will be a band from Ipsley parish with Paul Sherwin joining in too.

The current priorities are:

Longlife Fruit Juice, Sugar 500g pack [small]  
Tinned meat for stews eg. meatballs, Irish stew,  
minced meat bolognese, chicken in sauce etc.,  
Sandwich spreads [OTHER THAN JAM] eg. small jars of  
peanut butter, chocolate spread, marmite, potted meat/fish  
etc.; Coffee small jar. No More baked beans, soup, tinned tomatoes and  
pasta yet please. Thank you, St Johns, for your continuing generous  
support.

### **Light Classics for a March evening**

There will be an evening of Classical Music at St. Bartholomew's Church, Tardebigge, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7pm. [www.tardebiggechurch.org.uk](http://www.tardebiggechurch.org.uk) Cost £8 adults £3 children under 16. For ticket enquiries call 01527 543967.

### **PFT**

Please note, there will be no PFT at Peter and Eileen's this Thursday evening.

**Messy Church** - '*Messy Easter*' - will be at the Woodrow Meeting Rooms on **Saturday 21st March** from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. Messy Church is an all-age fresh expression of church that involves exploring a biblical theme through craft activities, a short celebration time with story and songs and then eating together. It is free but children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session.

### **Today –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.

### **Next Sunday – Mothering Sunday**

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton, Vicki will be speaking  
on 'Lifted up' John 3:14-21 and Ephesians 2:1-10.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Rev.Gary Noyes.

### **This week**

Monday 1.00pm Bowls

7.45pm Standing committee at Ann's.

Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and Toddlers

Wednesday 7.30-9pm Lent Course, St Peter's

Thursday 10-12 noon Parent and Toddlers.

### **Collect of the day**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered  
pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen