

## Diary

26<sup>th</sup> March PCC; St Peter's, 7.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> March Justice - Rehabilitation - Community - and more... event  
28<sup>th</sup> March Quiz night at St John's  
30<sup>th</sup> March Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral, with Bishop John; 11am  
27<sup>th</sup> April Rev.Garth Nathaniel is made a Canon of Worcester Cathedral;  
5.30pm in the Cathedral. All welcome!  
16<sup>th</sup> April Pre election Hustings 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.
- Messy Church this Saturday.
- Parish Prayer meeting this Tuesday
- The joint Lent course at St Peter's.
- For Garth as he is made Canon of Worcester.
- 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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## News from St John's

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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

**LENT STUDIES...** 7.30-9pm in the Huband Room at St Peter's 'LIVING FAITH - Wednesday's until 25th March; all welcome. This week we are looking at 'How to Grow in Faith.

### **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**

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY!

There are two important events coming up at the Cathedral, (the 'mother church'.) that we are all invited to: the first is the annual Chrism Eucharist, a time when we join with Bishop John in celebrating all ministry, and a time of 'taking in' before the Easter rush; 11am on 30th March. If you can make it on that day, it would be great to see you!

The second event is when our own Rector, Garth, is made a Canon in the Cathedral, on 27th April at 5.30pm, in the context of Evening Prayer. Please be praying for him as he prepares for this, and, as before, it would be lovely if as many of us as possible could be there to support him.

Whether or not we are in cathedrals or local churches, our reasons for worship are always the same: because we love and want to serve God, wherever we are. The author Rob Bell once said that there are no secular jobs for Christians, because they take God with them everywhere they go. 'The role of the Christian community is to nurture and strengthen faith so that its members may be a stronger part of the wider community.' Think about it!

Every blessing,  
Gary

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### **Parish Prayer Meeting on Tuesday**

This Tuesday 17th March there will be a Parish Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Church from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. We hold prayer meetings around the parish every 3 months; everyone is welcome to attend and join in praying for our parish, our churches and our mission and outreach.

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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.

**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.

**Event invite:** Paul West, QPM Chief Constable of West Mercia Police 2003-2011

Andrew Selous, MP Minister for Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation in conversation, on the subjects of

#### **Justice - Rehabilitation - Community - and more...**

A lunchtime discussion, Q and A and networking event in Worcester Cathedral on Thursday 26th March 2015 from 1.00pm - 2.00pm followed by light refreshments in the Chapter House. (Please be seated in the Cathedral by 12.50pm)

RSVP by Friday 20th March to [info@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:info@worcestercathedral.org.uk) to secure your place.

**Date for your Diary:** Churches Together in Redditch will be hosting a **pre-election Hustings** on Thursday 16th April from 7.00 pm at St John's. This is NOT a churches only event, but is open to everyone in Redditch. All the candidates will be invited and be prepared to answer questions posed by the electorate. Questions will be pre-submitted ready for the chair, Jim Hilderley, to put to the candidates. Do tell your neighbours. There will be more information, both here and in the local press so look out for instructions on how to submit your questions.

### **Today - 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, Allison Davies will be preaching.

### **Next Sunday - Lent 5**

10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion with Rev. Gary Noyes. 'Drawn in' John 12:20-33, Psalm 51:1-12.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Rev. Gary Noyes, Ron Skelton will be speaking.

### **This week**

Monday 1.00pm Bowls

7.45pm DCC meeting.

Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and Toddlers

7.30pm Parish Prayer meeting. At St Peter's.  
Children's leaders social.

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

Thursday 10-12 noon Parent and Toddlers.

Saturday 10-12noon Messy Church.

7pm Christ in the Passover event St Peter's.

Sunday Prayer partner crafts after the morning service.

### **Collect of the day**

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.