

Diary dates

16th April Pre election Hustings at St John's.
18th April Leading all age worship workshop St Peter's.
22nd April 7.45pm St John's AGM.
23rd April PFT at Peter and Eileen's.
27th April Rev.Garth Nathaniel is made a Canon of Worcester Cathedral; 5.30pm in the Cathedral. All welcome!
28th April SPICE meeting in church.

Please pray for:

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

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

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.

Keep praying for

Roy Bush.

Please be praying for Tony Ball, as he goes in for a major operation on 20th April. This will be invasive surgery, and Ann has asked for the church to pray for Tony and the whole family.

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 29th March 2015

Last week

Thank you to Vicky Skelton, Jane Smith and Susan Hunt for organising the Prayer Partner Craft event last Sunday, it was a wonderful afternoon, enjoyed by all.

Thought for the week

'Hosanna!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' cried the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem. (Hosanna means 'save' in Hebrew.) Later, those same people would be shouting 'crucify him!' People can act strangely when in a crowd; something comes over them, and they find themselves doing and saying things that are completely out of character. But the last thing Jesus ever was, was a crowd-pleaser. He wanted to do his Father's will, and to see it through to the end. He wasn't coming to comfort here, but to disturb, to stir up, to make people face the fact that their spiritual future and identity depended on him. He wasn't looking for praise as he entered Jerusalem, like a celebrity arriving in town; he was actually looking for commitment. As we come into Holy Week, let us pray that we would have the faith to stand apart from the crowd, and quietly follow Jesus to the foot of the cross. 'If you, Lord, stand with me, I will not turn aside, I will not turn back, but I will humbly follow the Way of the Cross, whatever that looks like at the moment in my life.'

Every blessing,

Gary



The Way Of the Cross

Holy Week at St. John's.

The church will be open with art work reflecting the journey to the cross. Feel free to visit St. John's and spend time reflecting on the journey Jesus took.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

2 - 4pm

7-9pm with a 15 min act of worship at 7pm

Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday

2 - 4pm

Electoral roll and AGM

Ahead of the St John's AGM on Wednesday 22nd April, there will be an opportunity for those aged 16 or over who have been attending St Johns for 6 months or more to join the Electoral Roll. By joining you can vote on matters concerning the church at the AGM. Forms are available now from Dawn or please ask Ann or Gary for more information.

Quiet day Saturday 12th September 10.00am - 4.00pm

House of the Open Door, Childswickham, near Broadway

If you feel like a day to spend in God's presence in beautiful surroundings, with time, in silence, to just 'be', or read, reflect, pray, walk in the countryside, - with a leader who will give you a few ideas to get you going , then this Quiet Day is for you. The cost is £21 for the day, including a delicious lunch and tea/coffee breaks.

If you have any questions or need a lift, please see me. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church - £5 deposit requested please, numbers are limited to 20, so if you would like to go, make sure you are on the list ! Ann

PFT. Due to Easter and holidays PFT will not be meeting again until 23rd April.

Today – Palm Sunday

10.30am Worship For Everyone Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey 'Hosanna'.
Mark 11:1-11

6.30pm Evening Praise with Mike Palfreyman,
Revd. Gary Noyes will be speaking.

Next Sunday –Easter Day

10.30am Family Communion 'Amazement' with Vicki Quarton and Revd.Gary Noyes. Mark 16:1-8
Acts 10:34-43.

6.30pm Easter Praise with Revd.Gary Noyes.

This week – Holy Week

Monday 30th March - Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral, with Bishop John 11am. Also see 'Easter events below'.



EASTER AT St JOHNS

29th March at 10.30am; Palm Sunday W4E in St John's.
Monday-Saturday –The Way of The Cross (see opposite page)
2nd April at 7.30pm; Joint Maundy Thursday service at
St Peter's.
3rd April at 10.30am; Good Friday W4E in St John's.
10.30am; Walk of Witness from Mount Carmel Church.
7.30pm; Joint Hour at the Cross -Reflections in St John's.
EASTER DAY: Family Holy Communion at 10.30am in St John's.
Easter Praise at 6.30pm in St John's.