

### Diary dates

16<sup>th</sup> May - Messy Church  
28<sup>th</sup> May - St John's Baptism course.  
10-16<sup>th</sup> May - Christian Aid Week.  
10<sup>th</sup> June 6pm - SPICE at Fladbury.  
17 June - Climate Change event London  
20<sup>th</sup> June - Licensing of Maureen Hughes.  
28<sup>th</sup> June - Ordination of Allison Davies.  
25-27 September 2015 - National Prayer Weekend  
10<sup>th</sup> October - Kingdom People at Worcester Cathedral.

### **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 Dot and St John's children attending.  
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

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Roy Bush.  
Please be praying for Tony Ball, as he returns home following his operation.  
Martin Cavender  
John Beasley.  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

#### **Christian Aid Week 10-16th May**

Please sign up for the roads you would like to collect from; past years have seen St John's raise around £1,000!

#### **Thought for the week**

As we come to worship together today in St John's, it's worth remembering that we all come (I hope) to encounter the God who loves us and cares for us 24/7. It doesn't matter particularly what our own tradition is, high/low/somewhere in the middle. What does matter to God is that we prayerfully and humbly acknowledge our complete need of him, and that we come with open spirits in order to give our whole selves to him. Only then can we properly receive from him that which he needs to say to us. (Read Isaiah 6, for e.g.)

He reveals himself, and we respond, because he made us to be in relationship with him at a very deep level. In other words, as Martin Luther once said: 'To know God is to worship him.' He makes himself known in several ways: through his creation, his written word, and, supremely, through Jesus and the sending of the Spirit.

Some people like to have a liturgy to worship by; others prefer a freer, more spontaneous expression, but I believe that the heart of worship is a genuine encounter with the living God, through his Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not so much the form of worship, but God's presence that transforms worship into something very special that even the best of human words cannot express.

Worship involves the whole of our lives, so continue to be in that special place as you go into the week ahead!

Gary

### **Appointment**

At the Parish AGM Thursday, the election of Ann Donovan and Sharon Forrest as church wardens was ratified by the PCC. Sharon and Ann are very much looking forward to working together to help with the smooth running of the church.

### **PCC and DCC**

Following the Parish AGM, the following St John's members have been approved as members of the DCC (District Church Council of St John's) and PCC (Parish Church Council), if you have anything that you would like brought up at either meetings please contact one of the following members:

#### **DCC**

Ann Donovan  
Sharon Forrest  
Janet Jordan  
Philip Humphrey  
Rosie Humphrey  
Vicki Quarton  
Roy Bush  
Andy Bevington

Electoral Roll Officer and Secretary - Dawn Wilson  
Treasurer - Annette Humphrey

### **PCC**

Thank you to Philip and Peter who served as our representatives on the PCC last year and to Chris and Andy (Lay Chair of the PCC) who continue this year.

### **Pentecost Service**

There will be a joint Parish Pentecost service on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> here at St John's, if you can help with the planning and preparation for this please see Ann or Sharon.

### **Appointment**

The Revd Canon Dr Jonathan Kimber was licensed as the next Director of Ministry and Discipleship during Evensong in Worcester Cathedral last week. Jonathan has moved to Worcester from Northampton to take up the new role, which will involve helping to develop the ministry of all those in churches across Worcestershire and Dudley.

### **Today – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter**

10.30am      Worship For Everyone with Vicky Skelton 'Fruitfulness through Christ' John 15:1-8.  
6.30pm      Evening Worship and Holy Communion with Revd.Gary Noyes.

### **Next Sunday –6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter**

10.30am      Morning worship with April Noyes, Revd. Gary Noyes will be speaking on 'abide in my love' 1 John5:1-6 and John 15:9-17.  
6.30pm      Evening Worship with Revd.Gary Noyes.

### **This week**

Monday      1pm      Bowling  
Tuesday      10-12noon Parent and toddlers.  
                  11.45am      Funeral of Olive Beckstein, Gary officiating.  
Thursday      7.45pm      PFT at Peter and Eileen's.  
Thursday      10-12noon Parent and toddlers.  
Friday      6-7.30pm Children's social at the Quartons'.

### **Children's social this Friday**

There will be a games night at the Quartons' home this Friday for Explorers and Pathfinders, please pick up a consent form if you haven't already.

### **SPICE AT FLADBURY 2015!!**

We shall be getting together as a church again at Fladbury Close, Woodrow, on 10th June at 6pm. Not only is this a great time of fellowship together, but also an opportunity to be of practical service to those who live in our community. If you can manage an hour or so that evening, please speak to Gary. (More details to follow.)