

## Diary dates

18<sup>th</sup> May – DCC meeting at St John's.  
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 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 elected government.  
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 recovers at 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

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

Please be praying for those who will be out collecting this week for Christian Aid.

### **Thought for the week**

You may not come to the Evening Praise service here in St John's as a rule, but it is a lovely service that has been part of our church life for a very long time indeed.

It's valued enormously by many people, although numbers have decreased in recent months. But I believe that worship is not primarily about numbers, (although the more people there are worshipping together the better,) but about our encounter with the living God, as I said last week.

We are reviewing what we believe God is calling this service to be, and how we can improve/re-energize it, and how it could be a more central part of our discipleship here.

I would like you, please, to take one of the handouts away with you, (on the foyer table), and really pray about this service, and what suggestions you might offer.

We shall be having a time of reflection on this tonight at 6.30 here, so if you can come, that would be great! It is Ascension Day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, so it's good to focus our worship on the risen and ascended Christ, who renews his call to us as his disciples, and draws us ever nearer to the fire of his love. It's then up to us to take that fire out to wherever God has placed us!

Gary

## **Licensing**

Maureen Hughes will be licensed as Lay Minister at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm for a 2.30pm start. All welcome.

**Prayers and scripture readings, which will be used during Westminster Abbey's VE Day service tomorrow 10th May to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

- ❖ Trusting the promises of God, and with faith in his mercy, **let us pray to the Lord.**
- ❖ Let us give thanks for the selfless and courageous service and sacrifice of those who brought peace to Europe, and for the good example they have given us; **let us bless the Lord.**
- ❖ We pray for nations still devastated by war, for their people and their leaders, and for those who suffer the effects or memories of past wars; for veterans, for those who mourn, and for all innocent victims whose lives have been shattered by the cruelty of others; **Lord, hear us.**
- ❖ Let us give thanks for those who work for peace and liberty throughout the world, for the Armed Forces of the Crown, and for all who strive to bring an end to injustice and oppression; **let us bless the Lord.**
- ❖ We pray for those in our own day who have grown weary or lost hope as a result of violence or terror; for all refugees and displaced people, and for those who seek to address the causes of discord and distrust; **Lord, hear us.**
- ❖ Let us give thanks for the reconciliation of former enemies, for the flourishing of goodwill between them, and for the many blessings we enjoy as a result of the sacrifices, which have made for peace; **let us bless the Lord.**
- ❖ We pray for the young people of our own day and for all who will shape the future of this nation, that they may be inspired by those who have gone before them to serve as they have been served; **Lord, hear us.**
- ❖ For the reconciliation of former enemies and for the flourishing of goodwill between them, and for the many freedoms and benefits we enjoy as a result of the sacrifices which have made for peace; **let us bless the Lord.**

*Scripture readings Isaiah 58:6-9a, 11-12 and Romans 8:31-39.*

## Today – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

10.30am Morning worship with April Noyes, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on 'abide in my love'  
1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Revd.Gary Noyes (please read Gary's 'thought for the week' and handout)

## Next Sunday –7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton 'Prayer for perfection' John 17:6-19.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Peter Bishop.

### This week

Monday	1pm	Bowling
Tuesday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
	11.45am	Funeral of Kathleen Walters, Gary officiating.
Wednesday	7.45pm	Standing committee at Ann Donovan's
Thursday	10-12noon	Parent and toddlers.
	7.45pm	PFT at Peter and Eileen's.
Saturday	10-12noon	Messy Church

### **Messy Church**

Please invite parents/carers along with their children to come along to Messy Church next Saturday 10-12noon at Woodrow Community Centre, it will be a great morning. Please pray for the volunteers from this church and across the parish.

### **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.)