

Diary dates

This week

Monday-1pm Bowls_

Tuesday - 10am Parent and toddlers

Thursday- 10am Parent and toddlers

10th October – All Together event at Worcester Cathedral.

17th October – Prayer day in church. 9.30am-4pm

18th October –4pm Licensing of Gary, St James' Bishampton.
No evening service at St John's.

20th October- 7.45pm DCC at St John's.

1st November – 25 year celebration.

14th November – 9.30am-5pm The Greatest Adventure at the ICC.

17th November -7.45pm DCC at St John's.

22nd November – Christ The King – Joint Service at Christ Church.

7th –9th October 2016- Cloverley Church weekend away.

Please pray for:

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

Gary and April as they move to a new Parish.

Those who are mourning.

Open the Book

The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.

For refugees looking for a place to settle.

Persecuted Christians around the world.

The Alexandra Hospital and Worcestershire Acute Trust.

For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.

For the housebound.

For job seekers.

Keep praying for

Roy Bush.

Stephen Ward.

Peggy Snellgrove.

Claire and Paul Burnham.

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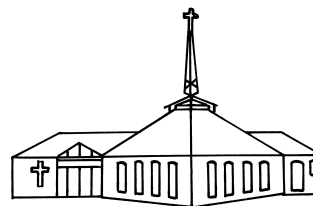
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News from St John's -

Sunday 27th September 2015

Mary Hopcroft

Mary's family asked that rather than flowers a donation to 'Where Next Association' be made, please place any monetary donations in an envelope marked 'Where Next Association' and place it in the collection box in the foyer – thank you.

Dear St John's Church family,

Some of you know me well but for the majority I am largely unknown. So let me take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Garth Nathaniel and I am your Rector. This is not a new post, but I have been your rector for the last 5 years, and have been involved in St John's in various ways, especially in overseeing the ministry through Gary. You will see more of me now and I hope we get to know one another better.

I am married to Jennifer, who is not just a wife, but a dear partner in the ministry God has called us to in this parish. She has a ministry of prayer, discernment and encouragement. She also has the most powerful and wonderful voice to sing God's praises. We have been married for the last 28 years. We have been blessed with two sons Richard, who is married to Ruth and lives in Kent, and Sam who has just finished University, and is busy setting up his career as a musician and music teacher.

We want to nurture and encourage the work of God in you and among you. We promise to pray for you, and to do all we can to help you grow into the fullness and experience of God's love and purpose for you. More about us next week.

Yours in Christ,

Garth.

Gary and April would like to thank everyone for the wonderful farewells of last Sunday, and for the gifts that we received from you. We will get something special for the Rectory at Peopleton!

Do please keep in touch, and remember us in your prayers. We move in just over a week, and at the moment we are surrounded by a landscape of packing boxes, dust and relatively organised chaos.

As we said to you all last week, we are looking forward to this new call from God, but will not forget the amazing time we spent with you in Ipsley Parish, and especially at St John's.

As from 6.10.2015, our new address and telephone number will be: **The Rectory, Peopleton, Pershore, WR10 2EE. 01905 841563.**

With our love,
Gary and April

We will be heading off to Bishampton to support Gary as he is licensed for his new role on 18th October. The service starts at 4.30pm, it would be good for as many of us who are able to go along. St James need an idea of how many people to expect, so please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Please note there will be no evening service at St John's that evening

HARVEST GIVING 2015 – next Sunday : during this year's Harvest service we will be supporting Redditch Foodbank and Tearfund with our harvest thanksgiving gifts.

FOODBANK: All dry and packaged food will be given to Redditch Foodbank. They have a good supply of baked beans & soup! They do, however, need tinned fruit, sponge pudding (tinned or microwaveable), small coffee, tinned meat/stew, pasta sauce.

Please place any monetary donations in an envelope marked 'Tearfund' and drop it in the collection box in the foyer – thank you.

Prayer Day - The church will be open on Saturday 17th October 9.30am-4.30pm with a range of prayer stations, from creative to contemplative, please do take some time out, come along and stay as long as you are able. See Rosie for more information.

'All Together' event 10th October

There will be a coach going from **St Peter's church at 9.30am** at a cost of £4, if you would like to go by coach please can you let Sharon or Ann know today, for places to be reserved.

Today – Trinity 17

10.30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on 'Who is with us' Mark 9:38-50.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman.

Next Sunday –Trinity 18

10.30am Worship For Everyone **Harvest** Service with Rosemary Humphrey. Matthew 18:15-20.

6.30pm Holy Communion with Canon Garth Nathaniel.

The weekly diary can now be found on the back page of the notices.

DCC meeting- the July agenda included:

- Norman Coy reported back on the Diocesan Capital Funding Seminar he attended.
- October 'All Together' event – a coach has been laid on, a good event with something for everyone.
- Update on 25th Anniversary Celebrations – 25 for 25 theme.
- Maintenance – hall painting and disabled access improvements given the go ahead.

PFT new course - FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE will commence

on 15th Oct. It will be 8 sessions with video, other teaching aids and practical/lively discussion. The course deals with how we can be fruitful on our frontline. How we can share Christ's wisdom and love with the people we meet out in the places we usually find ourselves – at the shops or the gym, at work or home, at the schoolgate or the corner shop etc. This liberating resource offers a fresh, simple framework for discovering a rich variety of ways in which God may work in and through us right where we are. Combining biblical teaching material, discussion guides, inspiring real life stories, the course will help us in making a difference on our frontlines and in supporting one another along the way.