

Diary dates

This week

Monday-1pm Bowls_

Tuesday - 10am Parent and toddlers

Thursday- 9am Parish Prayers at St John's
-10am Parent and toddlers

Saturday - Prayer day in church 9.30am-4pm

Sunday - 4pm Licensing of Gary at St James Bishampton.

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

22nd October -7.45pm PCC at St John's.

1st November - 25 year Anniversary Celebration.

2nd November 7.45pm - SPICE meeting in church.

3rd November - 7.45pm Children's leaders meeting at the Skelton's.

13th November - Children's social - film and fish and chip night

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

15th November - 5.30pm Youth Service in the hall.

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

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

10th December 11.30am - Woodrow First School

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 prepare for Gary's licensing.

Those who are mourning.

Y3 lessons and a key stage 2 4U after school club on Tuesdays until Christmas. (All at Woodrow first school).

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.

Keep praying for

Roy Bush. Stephen Ward. Peggy Snellgrove.

Claire and Paul Burnham.

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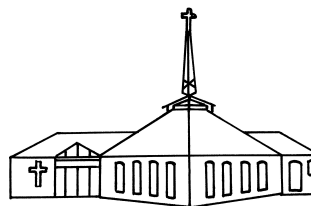
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News from St John's

Sunday 11th October 2015

Dear St John's Church family,

Last week I wrote about development of a ministry team. One of the lessons I learned from the suffering church was that the churches that had a strong family feel and fellowship, were churches that grew. Christians imprisoned were strong because they knew that their church would watch out for their families, support them and help them. That is why the church in the Muslim world, as in the communist world could never be eradicated or wiped out. They looked out for one another.

Pastoral care is not the work of the "Rector", "Vicar", "Pastor" or "Minister." Each one of us can care for one another. Everyday caring, keeping an eye out for one another. These are all things we can and should do naturally. We don't need a licence or piece of paper or recognition to do this. Remember that thought, "Hmm, haven't seen Gladys for a few days, wonder if all is well? Perhaps I'll give her a call to find out." As simple as that.

Sometimes you know someone needs just that bit more than you can offer. But you, my reader, are the one who can know about these things. IF you think I or some other person needs to visit then by all means, do talk to me, my phone number is 01527-522847; or 07949 490265. You can also speak to Ann Donovan or Maureen Hughes or Sharon Forrest, either one of who will be able to get in touch with me.

Bless you all.

Garth.

Next week: Fellowship in the Church.

PFT new course - FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE – starts on Thursday at Peter and Eileen’s (7.30 for 7.45pm). If you can’t manage a Thursday, perhaps an additional evening could be arranged if there is sufficient interest.

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.

SPICE meeting- There will be a SPICE (St John’s People in Community Enterprise) meeting to plan for Christmas visiting, Woodrow carols, schools stuff and how we go forward generally on November 2nd at 7.45pm in church, all welcome.

Toy appeal: Do you have any board games, board books, jigsaws, Lego, toy cars etc. to use on Sunday’s at the beginning of the children’s groups in the hall, thank you.

Children’s social – There will be a film and fish and chip night in the church hall on Friday 13th November from 6.30-8.30pm for Pathfinders and Explorers £2.50 each.

Samaritan’s Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is the world’s largest children’s Christmas project, run by the Christian relief and development organization Samaritan’s Purse. Their mission is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to needy children worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. You can make a special connection with a child overseas by giving a shoebox gift from your hands to theirs. To get involved, pick up a leaflet from the foyer, choose whether a boy or girl will receive the box, fill the box with items as suggested in the leaflet, provide a £3 shipping donation per shoebox and bring into church ready for a collection between 1st-18th November. Please read the leaflet as there are some interesting extras such as donating online, making your donation go further as well as being able to see where your shoebox goes to. Any queries please see Eileen Truman

Christmas Fayre

Please start collecting bottles and chocolate also any washed teddies for the teddy stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Today – Trinity 19

10.30am Morning Worship with Canon Garth Nathaniel ‘A challenging perspective’ Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Mark 10:17-31.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Maureen Hughes and Peter McLaren.

Next Sunday –St Luke Evangelist

10.30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey. ‘Service and Suffering’ Isaiah 53:4-12 and Mark 10:35-45.

6.30pm Licensing of Revd.Gary Noyes at St James Church Bishampton, no service at St John’s.

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

Licensing of Gary

We will be heading off to St James Church, Bishampton (WR10 2LT) on 18th October to support Gary as he is licensed for his new role. Please note the change to the service time **4.00pm** and not 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 service at St John’s that evening.**

Sunday 15th November – evening service

The evening service on the above date will involve the local young people who attend the JUMP house group. Prior to the service 5.30pm-6.30pm, refreshments and icebreaker games to help get to know each other will take place. Please put the date in the diary and come along to meet, support and worship together.

Website

If you are unable to make a Sunday service and have access to the internet, you might like to check for notices and talks on the website www.ipsley.org/st-johns