

Diary dates

This week

Monday-1pm Bowls

Tuesday - 10am Parent and toddlers

-7.45pm DCC at St John's

Thursday- 9am Parish Prayers at St John's

-10am Parent and toddlers

-7.30pm PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's

-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.

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. Claire and Paul Burnham. Stephen Ward.

Peggy Snellgrove

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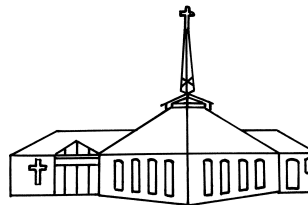
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News from St John's
Sunday 18th October 2015

Dear St John's Church family,

What does it mean to have fellowship with one another? I find it easier to define evangelism, teaching and outreach as functions of the church, but it is more difficult to define fellowship.

Fellowship is all about heart attitude. We might have a formal (or informal) fellowship meeting in our programme, but whether or not real fellowship takes place depends on our heart attitude. In the early church, the fellowship was closely intertwined with "Fellowship Meals" during which the breaking of bread was a part. The fellowship meal offered an opportunity for those blessed with more to share their abundance with others, and for me this is not only worldly goods, but spiritual blessings also. This sharing is an essential part of the love and concern that make up true fellowship. (acts2:41-42,44-47; 4:34-35) This fellowship was threatened in the Jerusalem Church when complaints arose over the distribution of food to the widows in the church. This problem was quickly taken care of and remains to show us that this church cared for those in its body that were in need. Jesus said, " they will know you are my disciples by the love you share with one another.

Question when you come together this morning, what have you brought to share with others? And what do you hope to receive?

Yours in His fellowship,

Garth.

Next week more on Fellowship.

St. John The Evangelist

Prayer Day – Thank you to Rosie for arranging and prayerfully creating the activities for yesterday's prayer day. It was a lovely time of quiet and reflection out of a usual busy day of the week.

SPICE meeting- There will be a SPICE (**S**t John's **P**eople in **C**ommunity **E**nterprise) 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.

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.

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

Foodbank

The next Tesco National collection days are Thursday Dec 3rd and Sat Dec 5th (with Catshill Foodbank covering the Friday). Volunteers to be at the store and give out Foodbank shopping lists will be needed then, so do, please, keep your diary free!

More urgently we will be looking to collect (from now until end of Nov.) some special foods for Christmas hampers for local needy families. Items such as Christmas puddings, fancy biscuits, chocolates and sweets are wanted.

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 – friends welcome.

Next Sunday –St Luke Evangelist

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

4.00pm Licensing of Revd.Gary Noyes at St James Church Bishampton, no service at St John's.

Next Sunday –Trinity 21 Bible Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion with Revd Richard Harding 'Mercy on the margins' Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Mark 10:46-52

6.30pm Evening worship with Canon Garth Nathaniel

Tidy up

If you can help tidy, clean inside or outside the church on the 24th October that would be appreciated, if the date isn't convenient but you are able to help another time, please see Ann.

Can you help?

Since 1966 **Birmingham City Mission** has had a holistic ministry. On one hand, **evangelism** - the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed in the city centre and in the community. On the other hand, **social action** - God's love has also been expressed through many caring projects and thousands of people have been practically helped. One project is a time of 'gathering in' donated pre-worn clothes from churches. All the donations are used in the relief and support of some of the neediest people in Birmingham. **Nancy has faithfully gathered clothes for the Mission for some time, to help Nancy get a bundle together before ringing the Mission to come and collect, please have a sort through and bring in any men's, women's or children's pre-worn clothing; men's clothing is especially in need. Thank you**

Christmas Fayre

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

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.