

## **Diary dates**

### **This week.**

Monday 1.30pm – Bowls  
Tuesday 10-12noon - Parent and toddlers in the hall  
Thursday 9am - Parish Prayers at St John's  
11.30am Woodrow First School at St John's  
10-12noon - Parent and toddlers in the hall.  
7.45pm- PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's

21<sup>st</sup> December – 6.30pm Carols in the car park –Greenlands.  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - St John's New Year Party.  
7<sup>th</sup> –9<sup>th</sup> October 2016- Cloverley Church weekend away.

### **Please pray for:**

Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy - our Parish clergy and wives.  
Those who are mourning.  
Those living in fear.  
Y3 lessons and a key stage 2 4U after school club on Tuesdays until Christmas. (All at Woodrow first school).  
Christmas events and services  
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.  
Those concerned about changes to public services.  
For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.

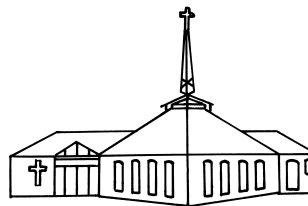
### **Keep praying for**

Roy Bush.  
Claire and Paul Burnham.  
Stephen Ward.  
Peggy Snellgrove.

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# St. John The Evangelist

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News from St John's

Sunday 6th December 2015

Dear Friends,

What are we so excited about with all our seasonal planning and spending and rushing?

A lovely family time? A few days off work with great food? An excuse for serious amounts of retail therapy?... (I certainly am!).....or maybe the birth of one little baby.

There have been about 108 billion babies in the earth's history, each one born with unique potential to be something very special. Some have indeed achieved great things, and far too many, through poverty, disease and war have done very little but survive for a few short years..... but every one loved by God and was special to him.

But one baby was more special....one baby had potential like no other. Like all babies, he was frail and totally dependent on his parents for love and support. He relied, as does every baby, on his mum or dad to build the nerve pathways in his brain which allowed him to grow up able to love and care. (I think that's so exciting!) When God became human he didn't cheat but entrusted himself completely to a young, uneducated and inexperienced mother.

Nevertheless his potential was world changing.....and poverty, persecution and execution couldn't stop him. As our Christingles today remind us, he came to bring light and hope to a world which feels very dark at times..... and he tells us that each one of us is precious and full of potential, if we are lit by his saving light....

Lord, light us up with your love, and move us to share its warmth, reaching out to those in need, whoever and wherever they may be.

With much love, Vicki x

## **St John's New Year Party**

Dot and Andy's fun filled New Year party for all ages returns the evening of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January in the hall, more details to follow.

## **Cloverley 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

A booking form is now available, for our church weekend at Cloverley Hall Christian Centre in North Shropshire. This time away has been a regular event at St John's, if you haven't been before you might find it useful to speak to someone who has, there is also a website you can take a look at [www.cloverleyhall.org](http://www.cloverleyhall.org) All meals and accommodation are included in the price, there will be children's groups during the teaching sessions and a time for relaxation and fun. In the words of Katrina aged 11 'Cloverley is great because there is always something to do: enter the talent show, go to the shops, play board games in the family room, play hide and seek in the dark or go hunting for bible verses in the woods'.

## **Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to all who supported or helped out at the Christmas Fayre yesterday, there were plenty of visitors and a good time was had by all.

## **Kingfisher Chaplaincy**

For many years the Kingfisher Centre Chaplaincy team who show Gods care to the people who work in the centre, have helped spread Christmas cheer by taking hot drinks and mince pies to the hard working people in the shops (as you can imagine this is a very busy and sometimes stressful time of the year for them). If you would like to get involved by helping to prepare the hot drinks and pies ready for the Chaplains to take out, set-up will be on the afternoon of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December with distribution of tea, coffee and mince pies, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This year we will be based on the Mezzanine by Primark (same level as TK Max). Please see Sharon if you would like to know more or contact Revd. Paul Lawlor who heads up the Chaplaincy team [vicar@ststephensredditch.com](mailto:vicar@ststephensredditch.com) Phone: 01527 62375 or 0780 761 1090

## **Charity Us.(every person, every community, a full life)**

This charity called Us.has for 300 years been working with Anglican Churches around the world. Visit [www.weareus.org.UK/advent](http://www.weareus.org.UK/advent) to help in the Advent appeal for refugees in Europe.

## **Today – Second Sunday in Advent**

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Dot Bevington ` A call for change' Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6.

4.30pm Christingle led by Revd.Garth Nathaniel, Vicki Quarton will be speaking.

## **Next Sunday –Third Sunday in Advent**

10.30am Morning Worship with Maureen Hughes, David Hargreaves will be speaking on 'what shall we do'. Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Luke 3:7-18.

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight with Revd.Garth Nathaniel.

## **Pantomime**

A group booking for the matinee performance of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Palace Theatre on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December will be made this Wednesday, please let Sharon know if you would like to go by Tuesday evening, tickets are £17 concessions £19 adults Tel 01527 541492

***As you can see from the service and event listing below we continue to have lots going on, in this our 25<sup>th</sup> celebratory year, if you can help out with refreshments on any of these occasions please speak with Ann or Sharon. Thank you.***

### **Events and services during Advent at St John's**

Christmas Fayre	2-4pm	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Christingle	4.30pm	Today
Carols by Candlelight	6.30pm	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Carols in Woodrow Centre	4.15pm	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Children's Nativity	10.30am	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Praise	6.30pm	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Carols on the car park	6.30pm	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Midnight Communion	11.15pm	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day Praise	10.30am	