

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

10-12noon - Parent and toddlers in the hall.

7.45pm- PFT at Peter and Eileen Bishop's

21st December – 6.30pm Carols in the car park –Greenlands.

9th January 2016 - St John's New Year Party.

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.

Those living in fear.

Christmas events and services across the Parish and the Town.

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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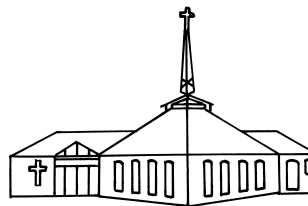
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News from St John's

Sunday 13th December 2015

Welcome everyone to St John's for this Sunday's Morning Service.

Many children will be looking forward to Christmas now with great excitement - but will they be remembering God and the coming of his precious Only Son Jesus? As neighbours or relatives of children, we can be Gods messengers of the good news of Jesus, helping children to think, act and pray for those who are in need in our world.

The prayer's of the Healing team have recently included that every Samaritan shoe box sent to children who struggle to even have the basics, will get to a child who needs it and will love receiving it.

Let us also remember those who may be sad because they have lost someone dear to them, have broken relationships or are alone. Bob, myself and Claire are such a family, as we lost our 19 year old son 'Rob', but this year, 13 years on, Claire married Chris, which was wonderful to celebrate. With Rob there too, in thoughts, speeches and his 'Robert' handkerchief, which had previously been mine, tucked in Claire's garter. I share this, as we have been able to look back with joy for several years now, but there is still the occasional tear shed and a sad moment. I feel you never quite get over losing such a loved one, but you can get on with life and eventually have fun at celebrations. My prayer is that this may give comfort and hope for others. We look forward to years to come possibly having Christmas with Grand children in the future! We will be with Claire & Chris this Christmas in their new home. My best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year.

Maureen

St John's New Year Party

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



Christmas Celebrations in Redditch Town Centre

Christmas on the Green: Redditch Town Centre

Community Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December 2015

Mulled wine & mince pies from 6.00pm at the Bandstand

6.30pm Carol Service: Bel Canto Singers & Salvation Army Band

'Get in the picture'

Saturday 19th December 2015, 9.00am -5.00pm, Millward Square

Come and have your picture taken as part of the nativity. Totally free and a great photo to include in Christmas cards! Also includes a free Christmas goody bag

Redditch Town Centre Carols

Saturday 19th December 2015, 11.00am, Millward Square
'Christmas Journeys'

with The Salvation Army Band and drama from the Ipsley Parish 'Open the Book' teams

'Journey to the manger'

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd December 2015,
10.00am -3.00pm, St. Stephen's side chapel, Church Green
An interactive experience suitable for all ages exploring the events at the heart of Christmas

Today – 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.

Next Sunday –Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.30am Children's nativity.

6.30pm Christmas Praise, led by Maureen Hughes, Vicki Quarton will be speaking.



Events and services during Advent at St John's

Carols by Candlelight	6.30pm	Today
Carols- Scout car park, Harris Close	7pm	Wed 16 th December
Carols in Woodrow Centre	4.15pm	Thursday 17 th December
Children's Nativity	10.30am	Sunday 20 th December
Christmas Praise	6.30pm	Sunday 20 th December
Carols on the car park	6.30pm	Monday 21 st December
Midnight Communion	11.15pm	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day Praise	10.30am	



scouts.org.uk/activesupport

As the local church we have been invited to join in with the Scouts as they hold Carols on the Scout car park, from 7pm this Wednesday 16th December. Meet on the car park at Harris Close, off Oakenshaw Road, Greenlands.

All welcome, refreshments available.