

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

Saturday – 10-12noon Messy Church

5th December – Decorating the church for Christmas.

5th December 2-4pm – Christmas Fayre.

6th December – Christingle.

10th December 11.30am – Woodrow First School

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

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.

Messy Church this Saturday

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.

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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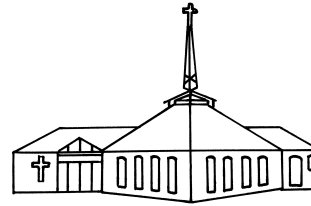
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News from St John's

Sunday 22nd November 2015

Dear St John's

Today we celebrate the festival of Christ the King. The whole of scripture points to Jesus, the Messiah, the Lamb of God being the King of kings and the Lord of Lords.

Handel gripped with this vision writes the powerful Hallelujah Chorus which over the years has stirred the hearts of so many with its song of triumph.

We live in a world of turmoil, and the recent terrorist activity in Paris has highlighted how confusing this turmoil is. It is good to remind ourselves that in a world torn apart by violence and where people are growing more desperate by the day, the promise of scripture is that God is in ultimate control. He is the God above all gods. He reigns on high and one day will judge the earth when evil is punished and Jesus the Christ will reign fully on this earth.

Christ the King is a special day in the Church calendar because it reminds us that the "Day of the Lord is approaching" and Jesus will return in power and splendour and might and majesty. Every eye shall see the coming King, and every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.

Are you ready for His return?

Yours in His Kingdom,

Garth

Cloverley

Last week we opened bookings for our church weekend at Cloverley Hall Christian Conference Centre in North Shropshire 7th-9th October. This time away has been a mainly bi-annual event at St John's for many year'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 . All meals and accommodation are included, there will be children's groups during the teaching sessions as well as a time for relaxation and fun. In the words of one of our senior members of St John's, Mary 'people kept asking me to go and I finally did and it was just terrific'. Look out for more information in the coming weeks and months and do join us at this lovely retreat.

Christmas invitations

Invitation cards are now available in the Church foyer for dropping around to local residents in Greenlands, Woodrow and Wirehill, please use the sign up sheet to let us know which roads you are going to. The first event advertised is Saturday 5th December.

Traidcraft sale next Sunday

Christmas is the time of year when we show just how deeply we care about our nearest and dearest loved ones, but thanks to Traidcraft, we can also show we care about those who are not so close to home too. Traidcraft's unique collection of handmade gifts includes dozens of fair trade and ethically sourced products that are just perfect for Christmas presents. Buying from Traidcraft improves the lives of those who spent their time creating the gifts. Take a look at their website at www.traidcraft.co.uk the brochure available next week, or you may want to buy small items on the day. For more information speak to Ann.

Mens breakfast meeting

Salt Way is affiliated with Christian Vision for Men, they hold regular breakfasts with guest speakers, The next event is Saturday 5th December 7.45pm-8am at The Why Not Inn, Evesham Road, Nr Cookhill, guest speaker Justin Marsh, a pastor, foster carer, cancer survivor and qualified relationship therapist. If you would like to find out more about the topic, speak with Ron Skelton or email nash926@btinternet.com tel 07776 301469. Admission £5 to include breakfast.

Today – Christ the King

10.30am Joint Parish service at Christ Church.

Children's groups provided.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Curate Ian Evans.

Next Sunday –Advent

10.30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on 'Keeping hope alive' Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Maureen Hughes, Peter McLaren will be speaking

Messy Church

Christmas is the theme for next Saturday's Parish wide Messy Church at the Community Hall in Woodrow. Children of all ages are welcome with a parent or carer start time 10am finishing at 12noon and entry is free.

Christmas Fayre

Please continue to collect bottles and chocolate for the tombolo's and washed as-new teddies for the teddy stall at the Christmas Fayre, that is taking place on Saturday 5th December 2-4pm. Thank you to those who have donated chocolate and bottles so far, around 100 bottles are needed, the chocolate is individually wrapped in Christmas paper, so the earlier you can donate the better. All proceeds go towards the Community Teas, Toddlers Christmas Party and other events.

Fundraising event

There will be a showing of a documentary film 'The UK Gold' about the UK tax avoidance system 'a story seismic enough to shift perceptions of finance and flag forever'. This will be a fundraising event for Redditch One World Link and Imekuwa Baptist Church, Mtwara.Tanzania at Cookhill Baptist Church 6pm prompt on Saturday 5th December. Cost is £8 to include food (bring your own drink) Book by 2nd December Jackie Morgan on 01527 893408 morgan5ld@btinternet.com