

Diary dates

12th January 8pm Standing Committee at Ann's.
18th –25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
19th January DCC in church.
20th January 7.30pm – Celebration of Unity at St John's.
23rd January – Messy Church Woodrow Community Hall.
24th January –Bishop John at St John's.
7th –9th October - 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.
Open the Book
Messy Church
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.

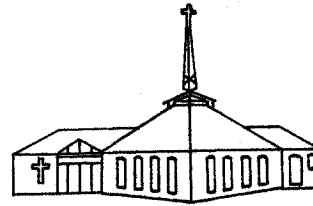
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News from St John's

Sunday 10th January 2016

We had a great time in November, with our Service of Celebration looking back at how the church came to be built 25 years ago.

We can now look forward to welcoming Lord Bishop John Inge who will be coming to St John's to help in our celebration of the church being 'dedicated for the glory of God'.

I was reminded of how blessed we are at St John's when I went to a 'greening buildings' event at 18th Century St John's Church Kidderminster, as we sat in the cold and heard from speakers on ideas to help counter the high cost not just in money terms but also the environmental cost of heating such historic buildings.

We can of course worship God anywhere, but our dedicated sacred space allows for prayer and quiet reflection away from distractions, for those who love God to meet to love and support one another, for Scripture study to help us in our understanding and sung worship to give God praise and to welcome the Holy Spirit.

In two weeks we shall be welcoming our Bishop as well as members of St Peter's and Christ Church as we celebrate together; our readings will be Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Luke 4:14-21.

Refreshments will be available in the foyer after the service, please stay if you can and of course any donations of cake would be much appreciated, please see Ann or Sharon if you can help with this.

Blessings
Sharon

New Year Party

A big thank you to Dot and Andy for the fabulous games night on Saturday, also thanks to Caroline, Janet, Sarah, Philip and to everyone who came.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between 18 January and 25 January. It is actually an octave - an observance lasting eight days. Redditch Churches Together have organised events across the Borough including St Peter's on Monday 18th and St John's 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th.

At St John's we are hosting a 'Celebration of Unity', please come and join in.

Launch event

A new ecumenical group to support Christians in the Holy Land is launching in Kidderminster on Thursday 21 January. The Worcestershire and Dudley group of the national ecumenical charity, Friends of the Holy Land, aims to give Christians throughout the Diocese of Worcester a chance to come together to raise awareness of the challenges facing Christians in the Holy Land, to pray for them and to financially support projects in the area.

The launch event will take place at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields in Kidderminster and will feature the Bishop of Worcester, Dr. John Inge as speaker as well as a video greeting from Archbishop Suheil from Jerusalem. All are welcome to come along to find out more. A simple Palestinian style buffet will be served at the launch, beginning at 7pm.

BOB SAYER

A member of St Peter's for many years Bob aged 84 sadly passed away suddenly on Tuesday afternoon. Please pray for his wife Barbara & their family and for the congregation of St Peter's who at the time were at the funeral of Bob Davies.

Sunday - Baptism of Christ

10.30am Morning Worship with Revd. Garth Nathaniel 'Called by name' 'Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Children's groups and Sunday Jump.

6.30pm Evening Worship with David Hargreaves, David will be speaking on 'Faith' Readings: Hebrews 11: 1-7 and Matthew 21 18-22.

Next Sunday - Epiphany 2

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton 'Celebration and Transformation. 'Isaiah 62:1-5 and John 2:1-11'

Children's groups.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding, 'The Mystery of Revival'. John 3:1-21

Change of email address

Please note a change of email for Sharon to Forrest_s@btinternet.com

The title of Lord Bishop John

On 15 February 2013 it was announced that Bishop John had been appointed to the office of Lord High Almoner, a post in the royal household.

The Royal Almonry is a small office within the Royal Households of the United Kingdom, headed by the Lord High Almoner, an office dating from 1103. The almoner is responsible for distributing alms to the poor.

The Lord High Almoner is usually a diocesan bishop or high cleric of the Church of England. The current holder of the office is the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Reverend John Inge