

Diary dates

18th –25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
19th January 8pm - DCC meet in church.
20th January 7.30pm – Celebration of Unity at St John's.
21st January 9am Morning Prayers 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.
Jump.
Sunday children's work.

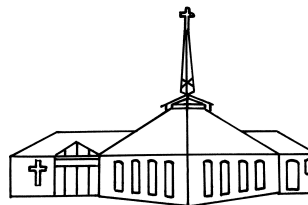
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News from St John's

Sunday 17th January 2016

Publicity can be a good thing, however sometimes it may not work in our favour. A Chief Executive of a Local Authority, was interviewed by Central News, I noticed, as someone who enjoys the music of Elvis, that over his left hand shoulder on the wall there was a plaque that read 'What would Elvis do', I smiled but wondered what the general public in his Town might have thought!

Whose authority we live by individually and as a community, can be key to our prosperity and happiness, our laws in the Western world were based on the 10 commandments, Jesus summed them up by saying 'love God with all our heart, mind and strength' and 'love your neighbour as yourself'. This was something the attendees of the Pilgrim Course at St Peter's were pondering on recently. If we live by these 2 commands the 10 given to us in the Old Testament will fall into place, it was suggested.

The second of the studies on the Pilgrim course was the importance of reverence and worship for God, some ideas from the group were 'give the best to God and not what is left' and 'songs give us the words we cannot say and puts us in a different place'. A question we were left to ponder was 'can reverence become crowded out of life? What do we need to protect in order to preserve and enhance reverence in our life?

Bishop John will be with us next Sunday morning, we will have a tidy and spruce up during the week and on Saturday, if anyone is available to help please see Ann or Sharon.

Blessings
Sharon

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2016 organised by Redditch Churches Together

- Mon 18 Jan 8 - 9:30am Morning Prayers at St Stephen's, Church Green, B97 4DY.
7:30pm Business Forum, St Peter's Ipsley, Ipsley Church Lane, B98 0AJ.
- Tues 19 Jan 10am Holy Communion, St Matthias & George Church Road, Atwood Bank, B96 6EH.
- Wed 20 Jan 9am Morning Prayer at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Beoley Road West, B98 8LT.
7:30pm Celebration of Unity at St. John the Evangelist, Greenlands Avenue, Greenlands, B98 7PZ.
- Thur 21 Jan 11am Shoppers Service at Emmanuel, Evesham Walk B97 4EX
2:30pm Tea Party at Salvation Army, Ipsley Street Smallwood, B98 7AR (access from Orchard Street)
- Fri 22 Jan 10am - 12:45pm Charity Shop & Cafe Open Morning St. Luke's Memorial Hall The Bridge Church, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, B97 4JX.
- Sat 23 Jan 9:00am Morning Prayer at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Beoley Road West, B98 8LT
- Sun 24 Jan 6:00pm Songs of Praise, Redditch Baptist Church, Easemore Road, B98 8ER.**
- Mon 25 Jan 8 - 9:30am Morning Prayers at St Stephen's, Church Green

Today – 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

Next Sunday – Epiphany 3

10.30am Parish service with Holy Communion, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of St John's Church, with Bishop John Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Luke 4:14-21.

Children's groups.

6.00pm Town service for week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Redditch Baptist Church, *no service at St John's.* (Please note the earlier time than our usual evening service) Lifts available, please speak with Ann or Sharon.

Change of email address

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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.