

Diary dates

Monday 1.30pm Bowls
Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and toddler group
Thursday 10-12 noon Parent and toddler group
9am Morning Prayers at St John's
16th February – DCC meet in church 8pm
20th February – Children's social- bowling 4pm
25th February –PCC Meeting at St John's.
15th March – DCC meeting in church 8pm
17th March – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm
19th April – 8pm St John's AGM
28th April – 8pm Parish AGM and PCC meeting at Christ Church.
16th June – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm
21st July – PCC meeting at St Peter's
15th September – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm
7th –9th October - Cloverley Church weekend away.
20th October – PCC meeting at St Johns
1st December – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm

Please pray for:

Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy
Those who are mourning.
Open the Book
JUMP youth work.
The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting
SPICE activities.
Cloverley planning
The Alexandra Hospital and Worcestershire Acute Trust.
For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.

Keep praying for

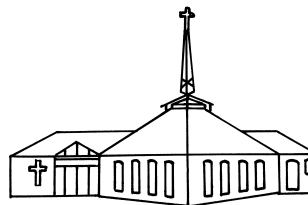
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News from St John's
Sunday 7th February 2016

Dear Friends,

It seems to be getting more difficult by the day to believe that the days ahead will be happy ones, I believe we have been given plenty of reason to rejoice!

Think of the words of David at a time when King Saul was seeking to take his life:

"But I will sing of Your power;
yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
for You have been my defence
and refuge in the day of my trouble.
To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises;
for God is my defence, my God of mercy" (Psalm 59:16-17).

God had a plan for David's life, just as He has for yours and mine. And, yes, though there were undeniably dark moments, that plan ultimately had to be fulfilled, for God Himself had spoken it. Remember that what God has spoken over your life cannot be taken away, no matter how fierce the opposition. You and I can rest in the incredible truth that ultimately our lives will be fulfilling and bring glory to the name of Jesus. Nothing of hell can stop this! Let us rise up and take our place among those who have chosen to glorify Christ, no matter the cost.

Yes, my dear friend, the joy of the Lord is our strength!

Yours, in Christ, Canon Garth

Lent Course

The Diocese of Worcester Lent Course for 2016 is entitled Living as Disciples. Jonathan Kimber Director of Ministry and Discipleship wrote and drew together the materials saying:

I hope that this course will among other things:
Help you grow in your understanding of discipleship
Increase your desire to live as a disciple of Christ
Connect with your real day-to-day life
Help you reflect on some practices and disciplines

The course will take place at St Peter's in the Huband Room on Wednesdays throughout Lent commencing 17th February. Everyone welcome. Please pick up a leaflet from the table in the foyer

St John's and Parish AGM's

Please note St John's AGM will be 8pm on 19th April in church, the Parish AGM (including PCC meeting) will be 8pm on 28th April at Christ Church. Please put the dates in the diary and come along. Please note this year the St John's reports will be drawn together and included in a booklet and will be needed earlier than usual thank you.

Cloverley

If you haven't already done so, please hand in your Cloverley booking form and deposit before the end of February, thank you.

Parish Prayer Meeting Dates

Parish Prayer Meetings will be held quarterly. Thursday 17th March, 16th June, 15th September, 1st December. 7.30-8.30pm; venues TBC.

Ipsley Parish Church Council meeting dates

Ipsley PCC Meeting dates are as agreed at the last PCC meeting: Thursday 25th February at St John's; Thursday 28th April at Christ Church (APCM); Thursday 21st July at St Peter's and Thursday 20th October at St John's.

Today – Sunday before Lent

10.30am Worship for Everyone with Vicky and Ron Skelton.

6.30pm Holy Communion and Prayer for Healing with Revd. Garth Nathaniel.

Service this Week

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and Ashing at St Peter's.

Next Sunday Lent 1

10.30am Morning Worship with Ian Evans 'Revealing identity' Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13

6.30pm Evening Praise with Mike Palfreyman.

Bishop John's sermon

Bishop John's sermon "The Spirit of the Lord" is available to listen to on-line, thanks to Barry.

Go to "Parish of Ipsley; St John's; Recorded Teaching; 24/1/16"

Collect of the day

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.